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HENRICI OCTAVI



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VIII. BY THE GRACE

OF GOD KYNG OF ENGLAND

AND OF FRAYNCE, DEFENDER

of the faith, Lord of Irelande, and in earth supreme head

Immediately vnder Christ of the church of England to

the honour of almighty God, conferracion of the true

doctrine of Christer religion, & for the concord quiet

and vvelth of this his realme and subiectes of the same,

helde his moste high court of Parliament, begonne at

V Vestm the. xxviii. day of April, and there

continued till the. xxviii. day of June,

the. xxxi. yere of his most noble

and victorious reigne, vvhich

in vvere established

these articles folowinge:

vvinge:

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An acte concerning ioint tenants, and tenants in
common. Capitulo primo.



As much as by the common lawes of this realme by-
uers of the kynges subiectes, being seised of maners lan-
des tenementes and hereditamentes, as ioint tenants,
or as tenants in common, with other of any estate of inhe-
ritance, in their owne rightes, or in the righte of their wy-
ues, by purchase descent or other wyse, and euery of them so
being ioint tenants, or tenants in common, haue lyke righte title in-
terest and possession in the same maners landes tenementes and heredita-
mentes for their partes or portions iointly or in common vnderduely tog-
ether with other, and none of them by the lawe doeth or maie knowe their se-
uerall partes or portions in the same, or that that is his or theirs by it selfe
vnderduely: and can not by the lawes of this realme other wyse occupie or
take the profit of the same, or make any seuerance deuision or particion
therof, without other of their mutuall assentes & consentes: by reason wher-
of diuers and many of them, beinge so iointely and vnderduely seised of
the said maners landes tenementes and hereditamentes, oftentimes of their
peruers couetous and malicious mindes and willes, against all right, ius-
tice equitee, and good conscience, by strength & power, haue not only cutte
and fallen downe all the woodes and trees growing vpon the same, but al-
so haue extirped subuerted pulled downe, and destroyed al the howses edi-
ficions, and buildinges, meadowes pastures, commons, and the wholle com-
modities of the same, and haue taken and conuerted the to their owne bles-
and behofes, to the open wronge and disherison, and against the mindes &
willes of other, holding the same maners landes tenementes and heredita-
mentes iointly or in common with them, and thei haue bene alwaies with-
out assured remedy for the same. Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our
most dyad soueraine lord, and by chassent of his lordes spirituall and tem-
porall, and by the commons in this present parliament assembled, that all
ioint tenants, and tenants in common that now be, or hereafter shall
be of any estate or estates of inheritance in their owne rightes, or in the
right of their wyues of any maners landes tenementes or hereditamentes
within this realme of Englande, wales, or the marches of the same, shal &
maie be coerced and compelled, by vertue of this present acte, to make par-
ticion betwene them of all suche maners landes tenementes and heredita-
mentes as thei now holde, or hereafter shall holde as ioint tenants or te-
nantes in comon, by writ De participacione facienda, in that case to be deu-
ised in the kyng our soueraine lordes courte of Chauncery, in like maner &
forme as coparceners by the common lawes of this realme haue bene & are
compelled to do, and the same writ to be pursued at the common lawe.

Provided alwaies and be it enacted, that euery of the saide ioint tenan-
tes or tenants in common, and their heires, after suche particion made,

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shall and male haue aide of the other, or of their heires, to the intent to de-
reigne the warrantie paramount, and to recouer for the rate, as is vsed be-
tweene coperceners after partition made by the order of the common lawe,
any thing in this act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

In acte that fisching in any seuerall ponde stewe or mote
with an intent to scale fysh out of the same
is felony. Cap. ii.



WHERE AS DYVERS and many of the lordes knightes
esquiers gentilmen and other the kynges subiectes with-
in this his realme, at their great costes and charges haue
caused to be made within their seuerall groundes many po-
des stewes and motes, and stozed them with diuers kindes
of fishes, as pykes breames carpes tenches and other fis-
hes wherof thei haue thought to haue had great commoditee, as well for
the pleasure of their friendes, as for their owne commoditee and profite to-
wardes the necessary findinge of their houses, dyuerse and many lyghte
and vnreasonable persones of this realme, beyng of no good rule nor hone-
stie, luttell or nothinge regarding god, the feare of their soueraigne lord
the kynges highnesse, nor his lawes, haue not only fished the saide ponde
stewes and motes as well by night as by daie, with nettes hookes and
baites of diuers sortes, but also with great numbre of miscreued persones,
haue entered into such groundes, and there, with great violence haue bza-
ken bp the heades of the saide ponde stewes and motes, and destroyed &
taken the fishe of the same ponde stewes and motes, to the great displea-
sures and losses of the owners of the saide ponde stewes and motes, and
contrary to all good reason right and conscience. wherfore be it enacted
by the kyng our saide soueraigne lord, with thassent of the lordes spiri-
tuall and tempozall, and the comyns in this present parlaiment assem-
bled, and by the auctorites of the same, that as well all maner of fischinges
with any nettes hookes or baites, of what kynde so euer thei be, in any se-
uerall ponde stewe or mote, with an intent to scale fysh out of the same,
done or committed at any tyme after the feast of the Natyuites of saincte
John Baptiste nette comminge, that is to saie, in the. xxi. yere of the
reigne of our saide soueraigne lord, from the houre of syre in the euen-
tyde, vnto the houre of syre in the moynyng, against the willes and myn-
des of the owners or possessioners of suche ponde stewes or motes,
as also the vnlawfull breakyng bp of the head of any seuerall ponde stewe
or mote, by daie or by night, after the saide feast, without colour of tye
so to do, wherby any fysh of the same ponde stewe or mote, is taken or de-
stroyed, against the will or mynde of the owner or possessioner of the same,
be to al intentes demed taken and adyudged felony: and that those persons
so offendinge, shall haue and suffer all suche peines of deathe, and punish-
mentes

mentes, as other felons ought to haue and suffice for felony by the course of the lawes of this realme.

¶ And also be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaide, that if any suche enill disposed persons, after the feald before limited, dooe fische in the daie time, at any other time the is before reheried, in any such several ponde, strewes, or mores, with any maner of nettes hokes or bautes, as is aforesaid, what kind so euer thei be of, againt the will plesure & mind of the owners or possessors of the same several ponde strewes or mores, not hauinge any maner of colour of title so to do, and therof be lawfully conuicted at the suite of our soueraigne lord the kynge, or the party grieved: that then the said parties so conuicted, shall suffice imprisonment by the space of thre monethes, and after the said thre monethes expired, shall finde sufficient suretie for his or their good aberinge, or els to remaine still in prison without baile or mainprise, vnto suche tyme he or they can finde suche suretie.

¶ An acte changing the custom of Gauekynnd. Cap. iiii.



He kynge our soueraigne lord, for diuers considerations his maiestie mouinge, by auctoritee of this his high court of parliament, enacteth ordeineth and establissheth, that as well al the lordeshippes, maners, landes, tenementes, woodes, pastures, rentes seruices, reuercions, remainders, aduousons and al other what so euer hereditaments set lying and being within the countie of Kente, of the whiche Thomas Crumwell knight of his honorable order of the Garter lord Crumwel of Wimbeldon lord priuie seale, Thomas Burgh knight lord burgh, George Boke knight lord Cobham, Andrew windesore knight, lord windesore, Thomas Cheine knight tresourer of our said soueraigne lord the kynges most honorable houtholde, Christofer Hales knight maister of the Rolles of our said soueraigne lordes court of Chancery, Thomas Willoughby knight one of the iuges of the kynges court of the comon place, Anthony Saintleger knight Edward wotton knight, Edward Boueton knight, Roger Cholmeleis knight seruaunt at lawe, John Champneis knight, John Baker squier our said soueraigne lord the kynges generall attornie, Remolde Scotte squier, John Guldforde squier, Thomas Kempe squier, Edward Thwaitis squier, william roper squier, Anthony Sandes squier, Edward Isaac squier, Perciuall Harte squier, Edward Monyns squier, william whetnall squier, John Fogge squier, Edmund Fetyplace squier, Thomas Hardres squier, william waller squier, Thomas Wylforde squier, Thomas Poile squier, Thomas Harlakinde squier, Gessrei Lee squier, James Hales, Henry Huler, and Thomas Haddon gentlemen, or any of them is or be seised to his or their owne vse or vses, in fee simple or in fee taille, the whiche now be of the tenure and nature of Gauekynnd & here tofore haue bene departed, or be departible betwene heires males, by the

custome of Gauekynde, shall from henceforth be clerely changed from the said custome tenure and nature of Gauekynde, and in no wise hereafter be departed or departible by the sayd custome of Gauekynde, betwene heires males, but shall remayne reuert abyde descende com and be after and according as lordships maners landes tenementes and other hereditametes do or maie descende remayne reuert abyde come or be, according to the common lawe of this realme, and as other maners landes & tenementes being in the said countie of Kent, which neuer were holde by seruiçe of socage, but be & alwaies haue ben holden by knight seruiçe, do descende remain reuert abyde come and be: And in lyke maner to descende, and be descendable, remayne reuerte come and be inheritable to the heire or heires, after and according to the saide common lawes of this realme of Englande. And that all and singular the saide lordshippes, maners, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes with thappurtēances of the saide lord Crumwell, lord Burgh, lord Cobham, lord Windsoꝛ, Thomas Cheine, Christofer Hales, Thomas Willoughby, Anthony Seintleger, Edward Wotton, Edward Boueton, Roger Cholmeley, John Champneis, John Baker, Reinolde Scotte, John Guldforde, Thomas kempe, Edward Thwaites, William Roper, Anthony Sandes, Edward Isaac, Perciuall Harte, Edward Monins, William whetnall, John Fogge, Edmund Fetyplace, Thomas Hardyes, William waller, Thomas wilforde, Thomas Woile, Thomas Harlakinden squier, Gessrey Lee, James Hales, Henry Husee and Thomas Ropdon, or of any of them, and which before the makinge of this acte haue ben of the said nature and tenure of Gauekynde in the saide countie of Kent, shall from henceforth be accepted taken inherited demed and indged to be, lyke as lordships maners landes tenementes and other hereditamentes at the common lawe of this realme, and in suche maner and fourme as if the same maners lordships landes tenementes and other hereditamentes had neuer ben of the said nature of Gauekynde, any vsage or custome in the said countie of Kent hertofore had accepted or vsed to the contrary not withstanding. Hauiug alwaies and reseruing to all & singular persons, ocher than the said lord Crumwell, lord Burgh, lord Cobham, lord Windsoꝛ, Thomas Cheine, Christofer Hales, Thomas Willoughby, Anthony Seintleger, Edward Wotton, Edward Boueton, Roger Cholmeley, John Champneis, John Baker, Reinold Scot, John Guldforde, Thomas kempe, Edward Thwaites, William Roper, Anthony Sandes, Edward Isaac, Perciuall Harte, Edward Monins, William whetnall, John Fogge, Edmund Fetyplace, Thomas Hardyes, William waller, Thomas wilforde, Thomas Woile, Thomas Harlakinden squier, Gessrey Lee, James Hales, Henry Husee, & Thomas Ropdon, or any of them, & to euery of the any or any ocher of them al such right title interest & inheritance as they or any of them had before the making of this acte, of to or in any of the said maners landes tenentes woodes pastures retes seruices reuerelous remainders aduousons & ocher & pmisses, as if this present acte had neuer be had nor made.

In acte

An act concerning the amendinge of the riuer and porte
of Exeter. Cap. IIII.



A most humble wise shewen vnto your highnes your true and faithfull subiectes, the maiore bailiffes & cominalties of your citee of Exeter, that wherof olde antiquitie as well the citizens and dwellers within your saide citee as all other bothe denizens and strangers, applien and cominge from any partes of beyonde the sea, or of this realme, to your porte of Exeter, haue had course and recourse with their shippes botes and vessels goodes and marchandise in the riuier of Exe, to and from the high sea, vnto your saide citee, to the great comoditee comon welth, and profite of your saide citee, & all the countrei therabout, as by diuers recordez and writynges remaining as well in your saide citee, as also at westm, plainly both appere: which comoditee of longe time hath ben so distroied and letted by weires, & druynges of sandes and grauel, by course of the water, in to the saide riuer, and other lettes and noisances, that at this daie, and of long time past, shippes botes and vessels haue not had ne yet can haue their course to and from your saide citee, as of old time they haue had, by reason wherof your saide suppliantes of longe time haue ben and yet be compelled and enforced to carie their goodes and marchandises from the ships botes and vessels to your saide citee by lande, to their perelous charges of CCCC. markes sterlings and aboue, beside great hurtes and losses taken in their saide goodes & marchandises by the carriers of the same, which hath not onely ben and yet daily is to the great hurt vnto and empouerishing of the marchantes of your saide citee, but also of the countrei theraboutes by reason of the ouerflowyng & drownyng of the medowes pastures and grounde lying by the saide riuer, with the high springes of the sea & the fluddes of the fresh water coming to the saide riuer, & by reason of which charges sustained in carryng their goodes & marchandises by land vnto the saide citee, as is beforesaide, the marchantes and owners of the saide wares and marchandises, are driuen to sell the same muche more deere than they wold do, if the saide marchandises might be conueied and brought vnto the saide citee by water, to the great hurte and prejudice of all your graces subiectes in the saide parties. For refozmacion wherof, it may please your highnes, of your most noble and abundant grace, with the assent of your lordes spiritual & temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctoritee of the same, to enacte ordeine and establishe, that it mai and shalbe lafulfull at al times after the feast of Easter nowe nexte commynge, to your saide suppliantes maiore bailiffes and cominalties of your saide citee of Exeter, and their successours, to pluche downe big moore breake banke & cast vp al and all manner of weires rockes sandes grauel & other lettes and noisances, what so euer they be in the saide riuier, and also in other places & ground convenient and necessary for the same, whose so euer they be, lying betwene your saide citee & the high sea, and further to do and make al other thinges requisite and necessary, wherby the saide ships botes & vessels mai haue

haue their sure course and recourse in the saide river, to and from your saide citee, and there to charge and discharge the saide goodes and marchandises without lette or disturbance of any person or persons, gruinge and payng therfoze vnto the lord or lordes owner and owners of the soile, where suche digging and myning shall be, in recompence and satisfaction of and for the lande and ground so to be digged and mined, after the rate of xx. pence purchase, or els as much for the same, as shall be adiudged or deined and determined by the kynges iustices of assise in the county of Devon for the tyme being, the election and liberty of which recompence and satisfaction so to be had, to be at the choyse of the lordes and owners of the saide landes and tenementes, without any let denier veracion or trouble of the saide lord or lordes owner & owners, or any other person or persons, by lute in the lawe or otherwise, vpon peine of forfeiture of .xx. li. of lefull monie of England, for every tyme that thei or any of them doe attempt the contrary therof, wherof the one halfe shall be to our said soueraine lord, & the other halfe to him or them, that will sue therfoze by action of det bill plaint or information in any the kynges courtes, wherein the partie defendante shall not wage his lawe, nor in the said action actions or suites any escome licence nor protection shall be allowed. And also giuing and payng to the tenants farmers and occupiers of such lande or ground for suche hurte and losses, as thei or any of them, shall susteine and haue by the same, as much as shall be assessed adiudged and determined by the said iustices of assises in the saide countie of Devon for the tyme being, or by suche persons as by them shall be assigned and deputed for the same. The said recompence and satisfaction as well concerning the lord and owners of the said land and ground, as to the tenants farmers and occupiers of the same, to be paid by the maire bailiffes and comminaltie of the said citee for the tyme being, and their successors within the space of sixe weekes nexte after the ratyng assessinge and determining of the same, onlesse that the maire bailiffes and comminaltee of the said citee, & their successors, can otherwise compound or agree with the lordes owner tenants farmers and occupiers of such land and ground or with any of them. And in case it happen the maire bailiffes and comminalty of the said citee to make defaute of payment of the said recompence & satisfaction, and resist to paie the same, as is before reherfed, that than the lord, lordes, owner, owners, tenantes, farmers, or occupiers of such lande or ground, that is greued therewith, and to whom the satisfaction and recompence ought to be paid, shall and may lawfully commence afferme or take his or their action of det by the course of the comon law, against the maire bailiffes, & comminaltie of the saide citee for the tyme being, & their successors for the recoverye of the same in any countie within this realme, at the wyll and pleasure of the partie greued, and lyke proces thereupon to be had, as in actions of det at the common law, grounded vpon contracte or specialties, hath used to be had, in the whiche actions of dette suite or suites to be had, no wager of lawe, escome, licence, nor protection shall be allowed.

An act wherby the kynges manour of Hampton Court is made an honour and a newe chace thereto belongyng. Cap. v.



As much as it hath pleased the kinge our most excellent & most
 dyad soueraine lord of late to erecte builde and make a goodly
 sumptuous beautiful and princely manour, decent & conuenient
 for a kinge and the same hath ornatred with parkes gardens or-
 chardes & other thinges of great commodite & pleasure therunto
 adioyning, mete and partment to his roiall maiestee, most requisite for the
 prosperous continuance of his moste soiall person, whiche the subiectes of
 this his realme most entierly aboue all worldly thinges chiesly desyre of al
 mightie god: his grace insuing the aduancement & amplificacion of his re-
 sonable and princely comodities to be nie vnto his said manour, hertofore
 of late hath assigned & limited a certayne territoiry or grounde for a chace
 therof to bee made, for nourishyng generacion and fedinge of beastes of
 venery, and of fowles of wares: and for furniture and perfection therof, the
 kinges maiestie by indenture made betwene his grace on the one part, and
 sir Richard Page knight, Thomas Hennage esquier, John Carleton, John
 Agmondsham, Thomas a Downe gentlemen, Robert Alceour, Roberte
 Hamond, & diuers other honest and substanciall men, named in the said in-
 denture, for & in the name of all free tenants, hauing any estate of inheri-
 tance, and in the name of all customarie tenants, hauing any estate of inhe-
 ritance, by custome, of or in any landes or tenementes, within the precinctes
 of the said territoiry or ground, limited and assigned for the saide chace and
 wares, hath certainly & plainly declared the procinctes, limites, ambites &
 boundes of the same territoirie or ground, & his graces liberties priuileges
 & comodities to be had in and vpo the same, the tenor of which saide inden-
 ture hereafter plainly and fully ensueth, that is to saie: this indenture
 made the first date of October, in the .xxix. yere of the reigne of our most ex-
 cellent and most dyad souerain lord *Henricus octauus* the eight, by the grate of god
 king of England and of France defender of the faith, lord of Ireland, and
 in erth supreme head of the church of England, betwene the same our soue-
 rain lord the king of thone partie, and sir Richard Page knight, Thomas
 Hennage esquier, John Carleton, John Agmondsham, Thomas a Downe
 gentlemen, Robert Alceour, Robert Hamonde, Thomas Stagforde, Ri-
 chard wykar, John a Gatehelder, John a gate the yonger, William Stag-
 forde, John Boughton, Richard Wiers, Germain Bandal, John Wolfe,
 William Floiter, Richard Hunt, John Cony, Robert Parker, William Cice,
 Richarde whetley, Robert Rostrige, John Machin, John Baro, Richard
 wodelerh the yonger, John Clere, John grenetre, Richard Heilwarde, Chri-
 stopher, possreitt Richard wolf, John Bulworth, Thomas Dwyer, Thomas
 Hoxtingham John Rostrige William weste, John Hardwin, Richard New-
 ma: John Hamond the yonger, John blake, John Daly, George Thew, Cle-
 ment Jarted, John Hamond thelder, Ambrose Grenetre, walter Caluerley
 Richarde

Richard Rele, Lionel Browne, Robert hall. Thomas Barthe, Thomas Skete, John Beriman, John London, John Woodhous, John Greene, and John wolfe, for and in the name of all free tenants, having any estate of inheritance, and in the name of all customarie tenants, having any estate of inheritance by custome of and in any landes or tenementes within the lordships maners townes and villages of Elmulse, westmulse, walton, Elther, weibridge, and parte of Cobham, and other parishes, villages, and hamlettes, what so ever thei be within the limits of the chace that is named to be called Hampton court chace, of the other part, witnesseth, that where our said souveraine lord the kynge hath of late erected builded and made within the county of Middelsex, a goodly sumptuous house, beutifull and princely manour, mete and convenient for a kynge, and the same endewed with parkes, orchardes gardeins, and other great commodities and pleasures therunto adjoining and belonging, and his grace intending the prosperous continuance and preservation as well of his moste royal person, as for the furnishing of the manour with manifold things of pleasure, for the dispozte, pastyme, comforte, and consolation of his highnesse, his heires and successors, his graces pleasure is to erecte and make a chace about the said manour, for the increase of venery and foule of warrenne, whiche Chace shall be called Hampton court chace: and that the said lordships, maners, townes, and villages of Elmulse, westmulse, walton, Elther, weibridge, and part of the towne or village of Cobham, in the contie of Surff, & all landes, tenementes, medowes, lesues, woodes, and pastures lienge and beinge within the limittes metes and boundes hereafter declared, shall be had reputed, and taken within the said Chace, and to be parcel therof to al intentes and purposes, which metes and boundes are limited appointed and doe extend as foloweth, That is to wit, at & from the Chermes syde, on the southe syde of the maner of Hampton court directly as the pale shall be newly erected made and set to Cobham, and so forth, as the pale shall leade and be sette aboute Cobham parke pale, of Byllette parke, and from thens folowynge the same pale to the water of wele, and so forth by the southe side, of the river of wele, and the river of Thames, unto the first commencement and beginninge of the saide pale. wherfore it is condescended granted concluded and fully agreed betwene the said parties to these indentures by these presentes. And our saide souveraine lord the king in accomplishment of his graces pleasure, by these presentes doth ordeine make erecte publish and declare the saide Chace. And that the said lordships manours townes and villages of Elmulse westmulse walton Elther weibridge, and parte of Cobham, and all landes tenementes, medowes, woodes, lesues, and pastures, lying and being within the limittes metes and bondes afoze named, shall be from henceforth free chace and warren for al manner beastes of venery and foule of warren, and shall have all suche and lyke liberties jurisdictions and preeminences as any ancient chace or forest within this realme hath or of right ought to have; and every

person

person and persons, that shall fortune hereafter to trespass or offend within the said new chace, shall incurre and renne into lyke daunger penalties, losse, and forfeiture, as if the same offence had bene done or committed in any other chace or forest within this realme of Englande: And that the said new chace be from henceforth named and called Hampton court chace. And it is further comended, granted and agreed betwene the sayde parties by these presentes, and our sayde soweraigne lord the kynge for him, his heires, and successours, promyseth, granteth, and agreeth to and with the sayde sir Richard Dage, Thomas Hennage, John Carleton, John Agmondesham, Thomas a Downe, and all other the said tenants and freeholders, their heires and assignes, that it shall be lawfull to the same sir Richard Dage, Thomas Hennage, John Agmondesham, John Carleton, Thomas a Downe, and other the tenants above named, and to all other persons, being freeholders within the said chace, and to every of them, their heires and assignes, to selle cue downe and cart awaye at all tyme and tymes hereafter at his or their pleasure, all and parcell of his or their woodes, groves, coppies, and sprynges, growynge and being within the said chace, without licence of the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, or of any officer within the said chace, and without let and interruption of the same officers, or any of them. And also that it shalbe lawfull to the same sir Richard Dage, Thomas Hennage, John Carleton, John Agmondesham, Thomas a Downe, and other the tenants above named, and all other persons, as well freeholders as copie holders as customarie tenants within the limites of the said chace, and to every of them, their heires and assignes, at all tyme and tymes hereafter, to make the hedges and fences aboute their coine, growynge upon their owne grounde within the said chace, at their owne will and pleasure, to kepe out the deer therof, during al such tyme onely, as the coine shall growe upon the same grounde. And that the officers of the said chace during the same tyme, shal suffice the same hedges and fences to stand and to remaine, to the intent aboute sayd. And after every suche tyme as the coine shalbe severed and caried awaye, it shalbe lawfull to the officers of the said chace, to make dexe leapes and breakes in the said hedges and fences, for and to the entent that the deer maye haue course and recours into the grounde, where the coine was solowen, for their feeding. Duringe all suche tyme as the same landes shalbe and remaine unsolowen.

And in consideration thereof, our sayde soweraigne lord the kynge, for him, his heires and successours, is pleased and contented, that his and their officers of the revenues within the limites of the same chace, shall petyly for ever at every payement, desalke, allowe, and deducte the thirde parte of the free rent, that every freeholder oughte to paye for their severall freeholdes, within the limites of the same chace. And also the kynges highnes is pleased and contented, that where any customarie tenant, or tenants hauing any estates of inheritance in any customarie

many landes of teneementes within the saide chace, after the custome of any maner there, wherof the same customarie landes of teneementes beyng holden, for the whiche customarie landes of teneementes, the nexte heire of euerye suche customarie tenaunt, after the death of his auncellour, by and accordinge to the same custome ought to paie fyne, in euerye such tyme the kynges officers of the revenues within the saide chace, shall defaulte, dobre, and allow to the nexte heire of euerye such tenaunt, beinge seised of any customarie landes of teneementes within the limites of the saide chace, the moytie or halfe of euerye such fyne, that he by the said custome ought to paie for his landes there: the same fyne to be rated and assessed after the rate of the fyne that the same tenaunt so beyng seised, laste paid to the lord thereof, for the same landes of teneementes, & not otherwise. And that the moytie of euerye suche fyne be conteyned in euerye copie, that hereafter shall be made to anye suche tenaunte, by the officers of the courtes of euerye suche manour within the limites of the saide chace. And the saide sir Richarde Dage, Thomas Pennage, John carleton, John Agnonydelham, Thomas a Downe, and other the tenauntes and freeholders of the saide lordshippes, manours, townes, and byllages of Elmullesey, Westmullesey, walton, Elter, weybridge and part of Cobham, do cōsent and graunte, and euerye of them for him and his heires tō tēnaunteth and grauntereth to and with our sayde soueraygne lord the kyng, his heires and successours, that they and all other the tēnauntes & freeholders, within the limites of the saide chace, and euerye of them, shall at all tymes hereafter stande to obey perforce, and kepe, within the saide chace, all and singulare suche lawes, ordinaunces, penalties, fines, and amercementes, as appertayne to a chace, and all suche as hereafter shall be provided or made by anye lawe or statute, concernynge the preservation or maintenance of the saide chace: excepte and onlye reserved to the saide tēnauntes, all suche liberties and commodites before by these presentes vnto them appoynted and limited within the saide chace: In witness wherof our saide soueraygne lord the kyng to the one part of these presentes Indentures, remainynge with the saide freeholders and customarie tēnauntes hath caused his great seale of Englande to be put, and to the other part of the same Indentures, remainynge with our sayde soueraigne lord the kyng, the saide freeholders and customary tēnauntes, as well for them selfe as in the name of all other tēnauntes and inhabitauntes within the limites of the said chace, have put to their seales, the date & yere aboue written. We it therfore enacted by auctoritee of this present parliament, that the saide Indenture shall perseuere continue and abide good effectual and in full strength and vertue, accordinge to the word tenour & effect thereof. And that the kyng our soueraygne lord, his heires and successours for ever, shall haue and enioye their libertees and priuileges, commodites and pleasures of free chase and warren for all maner of beastes of venery, and foules of warren, within and vpon the saide townes villages and parishes of Elmullesey

Chimulsey, Westmullsey, walton, Esher, Weirbridge, and part of Cobham, and in al other places and groundes, lying or beinge within the precinctes limited and boundes of the said territorie or grounde limited and assigned by the saide Indenture for the saide chace and warren. And that the same territorie or grounde shall be called named and knowne by the name of Hampton court chace. And that al and singular transgressours and offenders taken knowne or proued to haue committed or doone any maner of offence, within or vpon the saide chace or warren, contrary to the forme or effect of any parte of the saide indenture, shall incurre and fall into lyke daungers, penalties, and forfeitures, as any other lyke offenders, committing or doing any wronge trespass or offence in any other forest or chace within this realme, maye do or shall do.

And furthhermore be it enacted, that our saide soueraigne lord the kynge, his heires and successours, at his and their libertes and pleasure, may make constitute and assigne suche and as many officers, mynisters, and keepers, in for and vpon the saide chace and warren, as to him or them from time to time shall be thought behouefull convenient and necessary. And that all and singular lawes actes and statutes heretofore made, concerning the keeping moultynge encreece and supportacion of any of the forestes, chaces, and warrens of this realme, or any of them, or touchynge or concerning directions corrections penalties refozmacions or punishments to any maner of offences done or committed within any suche forestes chaces or warrens, shall be from henceforth extended and executed into and vpon all transgressours and offenders in the saide chace called Hampton court chace, and into or vpon the said warren of the same.

And because that the said manour of Hampton court is thus, as is aforesaid, decorated and emmouned with thinges of high and princely commodities, Be it further enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that the manour of walton vpon the Temmes in the saide countie of Surf, being parcel of the duchy of Lancaster, and the manour of walton Leghe, in the saide county of Surf, late purchased by the kynges highnes of Gyles Leghe esquier deceased, and the house of Orelande, and al landes tenementes rentes seruices and hereditamentes in weirbridge walton and Chattersey, in the said countie of Surf, late purchased by the kynges highnes of John Rede, sonne and heire of william Rede, and the manors of Byllete and Weirbridge in the saide countie of Surrey, beinge parcell of the duchy of Cornewall, and all the landes and tenementes in walton & weirbridge aforesaid, late purchased by the kynges highnes of John Goldewell, and his wyfe, and all those landes and tenementes in walton aforesaid, late purchased by the kynges highnesse of John Carleton, and the manors of Chimulsey in the saide county of Surrey, late purchased by the kynges highnesse of the president and the scholiers of Corpus Christi Colledge in Oxforde, and the manour of Whitley in the saide countie of Surrey, whiche late belonged to the late Monasterie of Darton, in the saide

countie of Surrey: And the manour of Sandon in the saide countie of
Surrey late purchased by the kynges highnes of the maister and brethren
of the hospitall of saint Thomas Spittle in Southwarke, in the saide coun-
tie of Surrey: And the manour of Weston in the saide county of Surrey,
late purchased by the kynges highnes of the abbess and couent of the mo-
nastery of Barking in the countie of Essex: And the manour of Imworth
in the saide countie of Surrey, late purchased by the kynges highnes of
Thomas duke of Norfolk. And the manour of Esher in the saide countie of
Surrey, late purchased by the kynges highnes of the reuerende father in
god Stephen bishop of Wyndesore: and the landes and hereditamentes
with thappurtenances called Petwood, lying within the saide chace, whiche
late belonged to the late priore of Netewke in the saide county of Surrey:
And all those manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes lying with-
in the saide chace, which sir Rycharde Page knight hath lately bargained
and sold unto our said soueraine lord the kyng: and all landes tenemen-
tes and hereditamentes, whiche be the saide sir Rycharde Pages, lying &
being within the said chace: And all other manours landes tenementes reu-
eracions seruises and hereditamentes, within the limites and terri-
toire of the same chace, which the kynges highnes before this tyme hath op-
teined bought or purchased of any persons or persones, bodies politike or
corporate: And al the fee ferme or petely rent or annuities of the borough or
towne of Kingston vpon Temmes, in the saide countie of Surrey: And
the manours of Hanneworth and Kynton, otherwise called Coldkenning-
ton, and the parke of Hanneworth and Coldkennington, in the countie of
Middlesex: And the manour of Feltham in the saide countie of Middlesex, whiche
manour of Feltham was late purchased by the kynges highnes of the ma-
ster and brethren of the hospitall of Burton lacy in the county of Leices-
ter: And the manour of Codrington in the saide countie of Middlesex, late
purchased by the kynges highnes of the abbotte and couente of the mo-
nastery of Westmynster, in the countie of Middlesex: and all landes te-
nementes and hereditamentes, lying in the parische of Hampton in the
saide countie of Middlesex, late purchased by the kynges highnes of
Thomas Arthure, Thomas Goue, John Unidale, John Upton, Tho-
mas Ellis, and John Lewes, or of any of them: And all landes, tenemen-
tes, and hereditamentes, in the parische of Hanneworth, in the saide coun-
ty of Middlesex, late purchased by the kynges highnes of John Williams,
John Combes, Richard Harris, William Couper, Robert Wates, Tho-
mas Fitzwater, Richard Laurence, Thomas Carpenter, John Bickes,
Daule Coke, and the person of the parische of Hanworth aforesaide, or of
any of them: and all the landes and tenementes in Henton, in the said coun-
tie of Middlesex, lately purchased by the said our souerain lord the kyng, of the
maister and brethren of the hospitall of Stauely, in the countie of Middlesex:
And al other manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes in Kingston
Hanneworth, Henton, Coldkennington, Feltham, Codrington, & Hampton,
whiche

whiche our saide soueraine lord the kynge, before this tyme hath bought purchased or obtained of any person or persons, bodies politike or corporate shall from henceforth be perpetually united annexed deemed reputed & taken to be parte parcell and members of the saide manour of Hampton court. And that the same manour of Hampton court, together with all other the saide manours landes tenementes and other the premises above rehearsed and specified, so united and annexed to the same manor of Hampton court, shall from henceforth be named called accepted and taken the honour of Hampton court. And that the saide manour of Hampton court shall from henceforth be the chiefe and capitall place and parte of the saide honour of Hampton court.

¶ Be it also further enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that the said honour and chace of Hampton court, and all the manours landes tenementes hereditamentes, and other the premises above rehearsed, shall from henceforth be in the order suruey rule and gouernance of the court of Augmentacions of the reuenues of our souerain lord the kynges crowne, and to be graunted let and set to ferme by the officers and ministers of the same court, in suche maner and forme as other the manours landes and tenementes, appointed to the same court, ben or ought to be letten or graunted. And that all the fermes issues reuenues and profittes, comminge and growynge of the premises, and of every parte therof, shall be taken and receiued to the kynges vse, by the ministers and officers of the same court, in such maner and forme as is vsed and had of other manours landes and tenementes committed to the order suruey and gouernance of the saide court of augmentation: any act statute ordinance custome or vse heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that all and singular the tenants, as well freeholders and copyholders, as other, and all and singular personnes, whiche owe suite to any of the saide manours, or to any leete or lawdate, to be holden within the precincts of any of them, and the heires successors and assignes of every of the said tenants, shall do their suites seruices and customes, and paie their rentes to the said sundry manours, and in suche tymes, as they did and ought to do before the makinge of this presente acte. And that the saide tenants and suiters or any of them, or the heires, successors, or assignes of them or any of them, at any tyme hereafter, shall not be charged nor chargeable to or with any other seruices suites customes rentes or other charges, nor be compelled to do or paie the same in any other place or places, nor any of the feuerall tenures chaunged altered or charged, otherwys then they were or ought to do or be before the makinge of this acte, or any thinge therein contayned to the contrary notwithstanding. Saving alwaies and reseruing to all & singular free tenants and customary tenants of any landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lying or being within the precincts limites and bondes of the said chace, called Hampton court chace, specified &

declared by the saide indenture, and to the heires successours & assignes of euery of them, al and singular liberttes profittes commoditees and aduantages to them apperteynyng, accordyng to the true intent and pleasure of our saide soueraigne lord the kynge, signified and declared by the same indenture: any thing in this acte aboute writted not withstandinge.

Provided alwaie, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not be prejudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons, their heires executors successours or assignes, for any leases demises grauntes or covenantes heretofore had made or graunted to them or any of them, of the saide manours and other the premises, or any part or parcell thereof, by any person or persons, beinge owners of the saide manours landes and teneementes and other the premises, or any parte or parcell thereof, or by any of their ancestours or predecessours, or by any person or persons lawfully auctorized by them or any of them, for any demise lease or graunt thereof made.

Savinge alwaie to all and every person and persones, their heires successours executors and assignes, other than suche persons, as were parties or privie to the bargaines sales giftes or grauntes of the saide manours and other the premises, or any parte thereof, and their wyves their heires and successours, and the wyves heires and successours of euery of them, all suche right title vse interest possession lease leases ferme fermes for terme of lyfe lyues yerres or otherwise: & al grantes liberttes rentes charges profittes covenantes and al other commoditee and commoditees, which they or any of them haue, might or ought to haue, or hereafter shall or shoulde haue, in or to the premises, or any parte or parcel of them, in suche manner and fourme, as though this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary thereof had neuer ben had nor made: any thing in this present acte to the contrary thereof not withstandinge.

And for as muche as the saide manours of Byflete and Weibridge, before the makinge of this acte were parcell of the Duchie of Cornewall, and now separated and taken from the same by reason of this acte: Be it therefore enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that the manour of Shippon, with chappurtenances, in the countie of Berk. whiche lately belonged to the late monastery of Abendon, in the same countie of Berk. nowe dissolved, shall from hensforth be vnited and annexed to the saide Duchie of Cornewall, and shalbe accepted and taken for and as part and parcel of the same Duchie of Cornewall, in suche lyke manner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as the saide manours of Byflete and Weibridge were before the makinge of this acte, and that the same manour of Shippon, and the illes reuenues and profittes thereof, shall from hensforth be surueied received and answered by and before suche persons, officers, and ministers, and in suche lyke manner and fourme, as other the manours landes teneementes and hereditamentes, parcell of the saide Duchie of Cornewall, be and shalbe surueied received and answered.

Provided alwaie that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not be pre-

be prejudicial or hurtful to any person or persons, their heires, executors, successors, or assignes, or any demises leases offices grantes or covenantes heretofore had made or graunted to them or any of them, of the saide manour of Shippon, or any part or parcel thereof, by our soueraigne lord the kynge, or by any other person or persons, being owner or owners of the same manour of Shippon, this act, or any thing therein contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

In acte that suche as were religious persons make purchase, sue and be sued in all maner of actions. Cap. vi.



It enacted by auctorite of this present parliament that al and singular suche religious persons, as wel men as wome professed, of what order rule or habite so ever thei were whiche be, or hereafter shalbe put at their liberties fro the danger servitude and condicion of their religion & profession, wherunto thei were professed, by reason of suppression dissolupnge forsaiture by attainder, rendyng or otherwyle gyvinge to the handes of the kynges maiestee, or any other the same monasteries, abbeies, priories, or other religious houses or places, wherin the same religious persons were professed, shal by auctorite of this present parliament, from and after the firste daie of the same parliament, and from and after the tyme, that thei were or shalbe put at such lyberte, haue fre libertee to purchase to them and their heires in fee simple, fee taile, for terme of lyfe for yeres or at wyl, manors landes teneimentes rentes annuitees and other hereditamentes & thynge, what so ever thei be, in lyke maner and fourme, as though thei or any of them had neuer ben professed, nor entered in to any such religion. And furthermore, that thei the same religious persons, and euery of them, shal be made able by auctorite of this present acte: to sue and be sued in all maner of actions plaintes and suites, what so ever thei bee, of and for any matter or cause growyng sithens and after the tyme of their seueral deatynementes or departinge out of their religion, in al courtes and places within this realme, as other the kinges subiectes be. And furthermore that thei and euery of them, shal and maie from hensforthe, vse and exercyse, receiue take haue and enioie all and euery lawfull thinge and thinges to be growen fall or happened to them or any of them, after the said deatynement or departinge out of their religion, in as large and ample maner forme and condicion, as if thei had neuer ben professed nor entered in to religion, the same profession or religion, or any lawe custome or vse within this realme to the contrary thereof in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided alwaies, and be it further enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that none of the same religious persons, shal or maie at any tyme hereafter be taken deined or iudged for or as heire or heires or inheritable to any person or persons to any purpose respect construction or intent in the law, nor shal thei

nor any of them by vertue of this act be receiued admitted or demed able in the lawe, to demande challenge receiue or take any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, or any other thinge or thinges, by reason of or for any former title right interest matter or cause, had made done or growen to any respecte or purpose, befoze their saide seuerall deraignementes or departinges out of their religion. And yf any of the said religious persons be- yng priests, or suche as haue auowed religion at. xxi. yeres or aboue, and therto than consented, continuynge in the same any whyle after, not duely prouinge by witnesse or other laulfull meanes some vnlawfull cohercion or compulsion done to them or any of them, for makynge of any suche vow, or constraining them to remaine in their religion, be enabled by vertue of any woordes clause or sentence befoze in this acte expressed, to marry or take a ny wife or wiues, but that thei and euery of them be clerely excluded and put from the same to all intentes and purposes: any thinge befoze in this acte contained to the contrary hereof in any wyse not withstanding.

CAn acte concerning the continuance of the statute for punish-
ment of beggers and vababundes, and of certaine
other statutes. Cap. vii.

WHERE in the parlyamente begunne and holden at London the thirde date of Nouember, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne of our moste graddde soueraigne lord hynge Henry the eight, and from thense adiurned to westm, and there holden and con- tinued by diuers prorogacions, vntil the dissolution therof, an acte was made and established, declarynge and concernynge as well howe aged pooze and impotent persones, compelled to liue by almes, shoulde be ordered and vsed, and also how vababundes and mighty strong beggers shulde be whipped & punished: and at the said parlyamente one other acte was made and established for the restraint of carying & conueying of horses & mares out of this realme: & also at the said parliament one other act was made and established for punishment of roelshemen, attemptinge assautes or affraies vpon any the inhabitantes of Hertforde Gloucester or Shrop- shire: And also at the saide parliament one other acte was made and esta- blished for punishmente of the vice of Buggery, declarynge suche offence to be felony, which said foure seuerall actes were also made to endure to the last date of the nexte parliament, as by the same foure seuerall actes moze plainely appereth. And where also in the saide parlyamente one other acte was made and ordeined amonge other thinges, for restraining the caria- ges of brasse latten & copper out of this realme: And also one other acte was there made in the saide parliament for the true makynge of cables, halsters, and ropes: And also one other acte for the true wyndinge of wolles: And one other acte to restraine killinge of weinlinges bullockes steres or hef- fers, being vnder the age of two yeres, which said foure seuerall actes laste befoze

before remembred, were than made to endure and continue vnto the nextte parliament, as by the same soute seuerall actes moze plainly appereth. And where also in the saide parlimente one other acte was made and established for the atteintes to be sued for punishment of perjury vpon vntreue berditers: And also one other acte was there made in the saide parliament, concerning penuterers: And also one other acte was there made in the said parliament, concerning solwinge of flaxe and hempe: all whiche saide three seuerall actes laste before reheried, were than made & ordeined to continue & endure to the last daie of the nextte parlimente, as by the same three seuerall actes moze plainly at large is shewed and maie appere. And where also in the said parliament one other act was made and established for making of tayles in diuers shires of this realme, whiche same acte was than made to continue & endure for one yere next after the ende of the same parlimente, as by the same acte also moze plainly appereth. And where also in the parliament begun and holden at westm the. viii. daie of June, in the .xxviii. yere of the reigne of our saide moste dread soueraigne lord kyng Henry the eight, and there continued and kept vntil the dissolution therof, it was ordeined and enacted, that all and singular the saide seuerall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, shoulde continue and endure in their force and strengthe, and also be obserued and kept vntil the laste daie of the next parliament, as by the same acte amonges other thinges therein contained, moze plainly appereth. And forasmuche as all and singular the said seuerall actes aboue mencioned, be good and beneficiall for the common welth of this realme, Be it therfore enacted and ordeined by the auctoritee of this present parliament, that all and singular the saide seuerall actes, and euery of them, and all clauses articles and prouisions in them and euery of them contained, shall continue and endure in their force and strengthe, and be obserued and kept vntill the laste daie of the nextte parliament.

CAn acte that proclamacions made by the kynges highnes, with the aduise of his honorable councell, shall be obeyed and kepte, as though thei were made by acte of parliament.
Capitulo .viii.



Howasmuche as the kynges most rotall maiestie for diuers considerations by thaduise of his councell hath heretofore set forth diuers and sundry his graces proclamacions, as well for and concernynge diuers and sundry articles of Chyistes religion, as for an vnitie and con corde to be had amongst the louyng and obedient subiectes of this his realme, and other his dominions, and also concerninge thaduancement of his cominon welthe and good quiet of his people, whiche neuer the lesse diuerse and many frowarde wilfull and obstinate persons, haue wilfully contempned and broken, not consydetynge what a kyng by his rotall power

wer made do: and for lacke of a directe statute and lawe to rebert offenders, to obeie the said proclamacions, whiche beyng still suffred, shuld not onely encozage offenders to the disobedience of the pzeceptes and lawes of all mighty God, but also sound to muche to the great dishonour of the kynges most roiall maiestee (who made full pl beare it) and also geue to great hart and boldnes to all malefactours and offendours: Conlyderynge also that sodaine causes and occasions fortune many tymes, which do require spedie remedies, and that by abyding for a parlyament, in the meane time might happen great pzeiudice to ensue to the realme: and weyng also, that his maiestee (whiche by the kyngly and regall power geuen hym by God, made do many thynges in suche cases) shuld not be dzuene to extende the lybertee and supzeintee of his regall power and dignitee by wilfulnes of stowarde subiectes: it is therfore thought in maner more than necessary, that the kinges highnes of this realme for the tyme being, with thadvisse of his honorable counsell, shulde make and set forth proclamacions for the good and politike order and gouernaunce of this realme of Englande wales and other his dominions from tyme to tyme, for the defence of his regall dignitee, and thaduancement of his common welthe, and good quiet of his people, as the cases of necessitee shal require. And that an ordinary lawe shuld be pzoouided by thassent of his maiestee and parliament, for the due punishment correction and reformation of such offences and disobediences. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritee of this parliament, with the kynges maiestee, the lordes spirituall and tempozall and the commons assent, that alwaies the kyng, for the tyme being, with thadvisse of his honorable counsell, whose names herafter folow, or with thadvisse of the more parte of them may set forth at al tymes, by auctoritee of this act, his proclamacions, vnder suche penalties and peines, and of suche sorte, as to his highnesse, and his saide honorable counsell, or the more parte of them: shal seme necessary and requisite. And that those same shal be obeyed obserued and kepte, as though they were made by act of parliament, for the tyme in them limited, onelesse the kynges highnesse dispence with them or any of them vnder his great seale.

¶ Pzoouided alwaies, that the woordes meanyng and intente of this acte, be not vnderstand, interpretate, construed, or extended, that by vertue of it any of the kynges liege people, of what estate degre or condicion so euer he or they be, bodie politike or corpozate, their heires or successours, shoulde haue any of his or their inheritaunces laifull possessions offices lybertees priuileges franchises goodes or cattails, taken from them or any of them: Nor by vertue of the saide act suffre any peines of death, other then shalbe hereafter in this acte declared. Nor that by any proclamation to be made by vertue of this acte, any actes, common lawes, standyng at this pzeient tyme in strength and force, nor yet any laifull or laudable customes of this realme, or other his dominions, ne any of them shalbe infringed broken or subuerted: And specially all those actes, standyng this houre in force, whiche

the haue ben made in the kynges highnes time: but that every such person and persons, bodie polittike and corporate, their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of every of them, their inheritances lafull possessions offices liberties pꝛiuidges franchises goodes & cattails shall stand and be in the same state and condicion, to every respect & purpose, as if this acte or pꝛouiso had neuer ben had ne made. Excepte such forfaitures peines and penalties, as in this acte and in any proclamation, whiche hereafter shall be set forth by auctoritee of the same, shall be declared and expessed. And excepte suche personnes, whiche shall offende any proclamation to be made by the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, for and concerning any kynde of heresies, against christen religion.

¶ Furthermore be it enacted by the auctoritee of this pꝛesent parliament, that to the intent the kynges subiectes shuld not be ignorant of his proclamacions, every shiriffe or other officer and minister, to whom any such proclamation shall be directed by the kynges writte vnder his great seale, shall proclaim or cause the same to be proclaimed within .xiii. daies after the receite therof, in foure severall market towne, yf there be so many, or els in fyve other towne places or villages within the lymities of their auctorite. And thei to cause the same proclamacions to be fixed and set vp openly vpon places conuenient in every suche towne place or village, vnder paine and penaltie of suche summe and summes of money, or imprisonment of body, as shall be contained in the saide proclamation or proclamacions.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaide, that if any person or persons, of what estate degree or condicion so euer he or they be, which at any tyme hereafter do wilfully offende and bꝛeake, or obstinately not obserue and kepe any suche proclamation, or any article therein conteyned, whiche shall procede from the kynges maiestie, by thadvisse of his counsell, as is aforesaid: that then all and every suche offender or offenders, beinge therof within one halfe yere next after their or his offence committed, accused, and therof within .xiii. monethes next after the same offence so convicted by confession or lafull witnesse, and pꝛoues befoze the archebishop of Cantebury Metropolitane, the Chauncellour of Englande, the lord treasurer of England, the pꝛesidente of the kynges most honorable counsell, the lord pꝛiuy seale, the great Chaumberlaine of Englande, lord admirall, lord steward or graund maister, lord Chaumberlaine of the kynges most honorable houlholde, two other bishops, being of the kynges counsell suche as his grace shall appointe for the same, the secretary, the tresorer & controller of the kynges most honorable householde, the maister of the horse, the two chief iudges, & the maister of the Rolles, for the tyme beinge, the Chauncellour of the augmentacions, the Chaunceller of the Duchy, the chief baron of the eschequer, the two generall surrounours, the chauncellour of the eschequer, the vnder Tresorer of the same, the tresorer of the kynges chamber for the tyme beinge, in þe Sterre chamber at westm, or els where: or at the least befoze the halfe of the numbꝛe afoze reherced, of which number the
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the lord chauncelloꝝ, the lord Tresorer, the lord president of the kinges most honorable counceill, the lord priuie seale, the chamberlaine of Englands, the lord admirall, the two chief Judges for the tyme being, oꝝ two of them shalbe two: shall lose and paye suche penalties forfaitures of sumes of money to be leuied of his oꝝ their landes tenementes goodes and cattails to the kynges vse, and also suffer suche imprisonment of his body, as shall be expressed mentioned and declared in any such proclamation oꝝ proclamacions which such offender oꝝ offenders shal offend and breke, oꝝ not obseue and kepe, contrary to this acte, as is aforesaid. And that execution shalbe had done & made against euery suche offender and offenders, with the addition of the names oꝝ surnames tolnes oꝝ counties mistery oꝝ occupation of the said offenders, by such order proces wates and meanes, & after such maner forme and condicion, as by the kynges highnes, and the said counceill shal be deuised and thought most conuenient for example of suche offenders.

¶ Provided alwaie, that none offender, whiche shal offend contrary to the forme of any suche proclamacions, shal incurre the danger & penaltie thereof, excepte such proclamation oꝝ proclamacions be had done oꝝ made in suche shire oꝝ countie, where the offender hath oꝝ shal dwell oꝝ be most couerfant within a yere before. ¶ And be it further enacted by thautoꝝitee aforesaid that the lord chauncellours, the lord priuie seale, and either of them, with the assent of. vi. of the fozenamed, shal haue power and autoꝝitee by their discrecions, vpon euery informacio to be geuen to them oꝝ to either of them touching the premisses, to cause proces to be made againste all & singular suche offenders, by wates vnder the kynges great seale, oꝝ vnder his graces priuie seale, in fourme folowynge, that is to saie. First by proclamation vnder a peine oꝝ a penaltie, by the discrecion of the aforesaid chauncellours appointed, for the auaꝝyng of processe, and if he appere not to the same, without a laful excuse, than the said chauncellours to auaꝝde out an other proclamation, vpon allegaunce of the same offender, for the due examinacon triall and conuiction of euery suche person & persons, as shal offend contrary to this acte, for the due execution to be had of and for the same, in maner and form as is aboue remembred. Except it be within the libertie of the countie palatyn of the duchy of Lancaster. And in case it so be than to passe by the chancelloꝝ of the kynges duchy of Lancaster, vnder þe seale of the said duchy, with the assent of. vi. at the least of the afozenamed counsellours.

¶ Be it also further enacted by thautoꝝitee aforesaid, that if any person oꝝ persons do comitte any offence, contrary to the forme & effecte of this acte, and after the same offence done oꝝ comitted, do obstinately willingly oꝝ contemptuously auoide and depart out of this realme, for and to the intent that he will not answer to such offence oꝝ offences by him committed and done, contrary to this acte, that than euery such wilfull and contemptuous person auoiding oꝝ departing out of this realme, shal be adiudged a traitor, and his facte high treason, and shal haue and suffer suche peines of death, and also forsaite goodes and cattails, landes and tenementes, as in
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case of high treason, shewing to al a singular person & persons, that whosoever
 hath a corporate, their heires & successors, & to the heires & successors of any
 of them, other than such person and persons, their heires and successors,
 and the heires and successors of any of them, that shal offend contrary to
 this act, and thereupon obstinately willingly or contemptuously stand & be
 parte out of this realme, as is afore said, all suchs shal by this act be interested
 in the revenues, tithes, and other profits, and other hereditaments, offices, com-
 mons, profits, commodities and other hereditaments what so ever, as to
 to al and singular such persons, castles, manors, lands, tenements and
 other hereditaments, which any such offender or offenders shal have at
 the tyme of his or their offence or offences of treason committed, or at any
 tyme after, in such lyke manner forme and condition, to all intents, con-
 siderations and purposes, as if this act had never ben had or made: any thinge
 contained in this acte to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

¶ And it is further enacted by the said act, that if any person or
 persons, offending contrary to this acte, do willingly and contemptuously
 withdraue absent claime or secretly byde him selfe within any parte of the
 realme, or any of the kynges dominions, by the space of two monethes next
 after any wote of proclamation shalbe made directly & pertynerly agaynst
 him or them, as afore is referred, and thereof by any reasonable or reason-
 able meane may have knowledge, so that by clauinge of him selfe, his offence
 can not be examined tried and judged within the tyme of .x. full monethes:
 that than every such person and persons so offending, shal stand
 and be as a person convicted of the offences agaynst him objected, and also
 lose and paye al and every such forfeiture, summes of money, and also suf-
 fer such imprisonment as to the same offence shal apperteyne.

¶ And be it further enacted, that if it happen our saide sovereigne lord
 the kyng to deceasse (whose lyfe god longe preserve) before such tyme as
 that person, which shalbe his next heire or successor to the imperial crown
 of this realme, shal accomplish the age of .xxij. yerres, that
 than all and singular proclamacions, which shalbe in any wyse made and
 set forth in to any part of this realme, or any of the kynges dominions by
 virtue of this acte, within the foresaide yerres of the said next heire or suc-
 cessor shalbe sette forth in the successors tyme then being kyng, and shal
 importe or have lynes written the ful names of such of the kynges hono-
 rable counsell then being, as shal be the devisours or makers forthe of the
 same, which shalbe in this case the whol number afore referred, or acte the
 least the more parte of them, as elles the proclamacions to be made and of
 none effecte.

¶ Provided also, that if any proclamation or proclamacions shalbe
 shalbe directed by virtue of this acte to the shire of the port of London
 or county that than within such tyme as the same shal be made, the shire of
 Essex shal and maye by their shire shalve shalve shalve shalve shalve
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to bee made vnder his great scale, suche number of bishoppes, suche number of cities, sees for bishoppes, cathedrall churches, and dioces, by metes and boundes, for the exercise and ministration of their episcopall offices and administration, as shall appertain, and to endowe them with suche possessions, after suche maner sort and condition, as to his moste excellent wisdom shall be thought necessary and convenient. And also shall haue power and auctoritee to make and deuise translations, ordinaunces rules and statutes, concerninge them all and euery of them, and further to do at and euery other thing and thinges, what so euer it be, whiche shall be deuised and thought requisite convenient and necessary by his moste excellent wisdom and discretion, for the good perfection and accomplisshement of all and singular his saide moste godly and gracious purposes and intents, touchinge the premises, or any other charitable or godly debes to be deuised by his highnes concerninge the same. And that all and singular such translations nominacions of bishops cities sees and limitacion of dioces for bishops, erections establishmentes, foundations, ordinaunces, statutes, rules, and all and euery other thing and thinges, whiche shall be deuised composed and expessed by his graces sondry and severall letters patentes or other writings vnder his great scale, touchinge and concerninge the premises, or any of them, or any circumstances or dependances therof, necessary and requisite for the perfection of the premises, or any of them, shall be of as good strength force value and effecte, to all intents and purposes, as if suche thinges, that shall so be deuised expessed and mencioned in his letters patentes or other writings vnder his great scale, had ben done made and had by auctoritee of parliament.

CAn acte concerninge placinge of the lordes in the parliament
chamber, and other assemblies and conferences
of counsaile. Capitulo .f.

AS much as in all great counceils and congregacions of men, hauinge sundry degrees and offices in the common welthe, It is very requisite and convenient that an order should be had and taken for the placing & sittinge of suche persones as ben bounden to resorte to the same, to the intent that thei, knowinge their places, maie vse the same without displeaure or let of the counsell. Therefore the kinges moste totall maiestie, although it appertaineth vnto his prerogative roiall, to geue suche honoure, reputation, and placinge to his counsellours, and other his subiectes, as shall be seeming to his moste excellent wisdom, is neuertheles pleased and contented for an order to be had and taken in this his moste high court of parliament, that it shall be enacted by auctoritee of the same, in maner and forme as hereafter foloweth.

Cfirst it is enacted by auctoritee aforesaide, that no person or persones,

of what estate degree or condicion so euer he or thei be of, (excepte onely the kynges children) shall at any tyme hereafter attempte or presume to sitte or haue place at any syde of the cloth of estate in the parliament chamber, noether of the one hande of the kynges highnes, nor of the other, whether the kynges maiestee be there personally present or absent. And sozasmuch as the kynges maiestee is iustly and laufully supreme head in earth vnder god of the church of England, & for the good exercise of the saide most totall dignitee & office, hath made Thomas lord Crumwell & lord priue seale his vicegerent for good & due ministration of Justice to be had in al causes & cases touching the ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, & for the godly informacion and redresse of al errours heresies and abuses in the said church. It is therfore also enacted by auctoritee aforesaide, that the said lord Crumwell, hauing the saide office of vicegerent, & all other persons, whiche hereafter shall haue the saide office of the graunt of the kynges highnes, his heires or successours, shall sit & be placed as well in this present parliament, as in all parliaments to be holden hereafter, on the right syde of the parliament chamber, and vpon the same fourme that the archebischop of Canturbury sitteth on, and aboue the same archebischop and his successours, and shall haue voice in euery parliament to assent or dissent, as other the lordes of the parliament.

And it is also enacted, that next to the said vicegerent shall sit the archebischop of Canturbury: and than next him on the same fourme & side shall sit the archebischop of Yorke: and next to him on the same fourme and syde, the byshop of London: and next to him on the same syde and fourme the byshop of Buresme: and next to him on the same syde and fourme the bishop of Wynchester, and than all the other bishops of both prouinces of Canturbury and Yorke, shall sit and be placed on the same syde after their auncienties, as it hath ben accustomed.

And sozasmuch as such other personages, whiche now haue, and hereafter shall happen to haue other great offices of the realme, that is to saie, the offices of the lord Chancellor, the lord Tresourer, the lord president of the kynges most honozable counsell, the lord priue seale, the gret Chamberlain of Englande, the Constable of England, the marcial of Englande, the lord Admirall, the Grand master or lord Steward of the kynges most honozable housholde, the kynges chamberlaine, and the kynges secretoary haue not heretofore bene appointed and ordred for the placynge and sitting in the kynges most high courte of parliament by reason of their offices. It is therfore now ordeined and enacted by thauroritee aforesaid, that the lord Chancellor, the lord tresorer, the lord president of the kynges counsell, & the lord priue seale, being of the degre of barons of the parliament, or aboue shall sit and be placed as well in this present parliament, as in al other parliaments hereafter to be holden, on the left syde of the said parliament chamber, on the hither parte of the fourme of the same syde aboue all Dukes, except onely such as shall happen to be the kynges sonne, the kynges brother, the kynges vncle, & kynges newew, or the kynges brothers or sisters sonnes.

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And it is also ordeigned and enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that the great Chamberlaine, the Constable, the Marciall, the lord Admirall, the great Maister of lord Stewarde, and the kynges Chamberlaine, shall sitte and be placed after the lord Priue seale, in maner and fourme followinge, that is to saye, every of them shall sitte and be placed aboute all other personages beinge of the same estates or degrees, that ther shall happen to be of, that is to saye, the great Chamberlaine, firste: the Constable next, the Marciall thirde: the lord Admirall the fourth: the graunde Maister of lord Stewarde the fift, and the kynges Chamberlaine the sixte.

And it is also enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that the kynges chiefe Secretary, beinge of the degree of a baron of the parliament, shall sitte and be placed afore and aboute all barons, not hauinge any of the offices afore mencioned. And if he be a bishop, that than he shall sitte and be placed aboute all other bishoppes, not hauinge any of the offices afore remembred.

And it is also ordeigned and enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that all dukes, not afore mencioned, marquesses, eyles, vicountes, and barons, not hauinge any of the offices aforesaide, shall sit and be placed after their auncientes, as it hath ben accustomed.

And it is further enacted, that if any person or persons, whiche at any tyme hereafter shall happen to haue any of the saide offices of lord Chancellor, lord Treasurer, lord Presidente of the kynges counsell, lord Priue seale, or chiefe Secretary, shall be vnder the degree of a baron of the parliament, by reason wherof they can haue no interest to geue any assente or dissent in the saide house, that then in every suche case, suche of them as shall happen to be vnder the saide degree of a baron, shall sitte and be placed at the vppermoste parte of the sakes, in the middes of the saide parliament chamber, either there to sitte vpon one fourme, or vpon the vppermoste sake, the one of them aboute the other in order, as is afore reherced.

Be it also enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that in all trialles of treasons by peeres of this realme, if any of the peeres that shall be called here after to be tryours of such treasons, shall happen to haue any of the offices aforesaide, that than they, hauinge suche offices, shall sitte and be placed accordinge to their offices, aboute all the other peeres, that shall be called to suche trials, in maner and fourme as is afore mencioned and reherced.

And it is also enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that as well in all parlyamentes, as in the Sterre chaumber, and in all other assemblies and conferences of counsaile, the lord Chauncellour, the lord Treasurer, the lord Presidente, the lord Priue seale, the great Chamberlain, the Constable, the Marciall, the lord Admirall, the graunde maister of lord Stewarde, the kynges Chamberlaine, and the kynges chiefe Secretary shall sitte and be placed in suche order and faction as is afore reherced, and not in any other place, by auctorite of this present acte.

¶ An act concerning the kinges highnes authority to allotte certain
lordships in wales. Cap. xi.



Where in the parliament begunne & holden at London the .iii. daie of November, the .xii. yere of the reigne of our most dread souverain lord kinge Henry the .viii. and from thens aburned to welsch, and there holden and continued by divers prologations unto the .iiii. daie of February, in the .xxvii. yere of the reigne of our said souverain lord, and then and ther holden and continued unto the dissolution thereof, one acte and ordinance was made in the session of the said parliament, holden the saide .iiii. daie of February, whereby amonges divers other thinges, divers shires and counties wer newly made and named within the dominion and principallite of wales, and divers townes parishes lordships commotes and cantredes within the said dominion and principallite were allotted appointed and limited to the saide severall shires and counties, as by the same acte more plainly and particularly among other thinges appereth. And forasmuch as by credible informacō it was comen into the kinges knowlaue, after the making of the said acte, that some lordships townes parishes comotes hundredes & cantredes were not in differently allotted & limited to the shires named in the said acte, for the commoditee of the kinges subiectes inhabited therein. It was therfore obtained and enacted by auctorite of the parliament holde at welsch the .viii. daie of June, in the .xxviii. yere of the kinges reigne, that the kinges highnes, during the tyme of .iii. yerres next after the ende of the same parliament, shuld have power & auctoritee by writing under his great seale, to allot appointe assigne and limite to every of the shires named in the saide acte, suche and so many lordships townes parishes hamlettes hundredes commotes and cantredes, as his maiestee by his moste highe wisdom shulde thinke convenient and agreeable, for the ease and commoditee of his lowing subiectes the inhabitantes of his said dominion & principallitee. And shulde likewise have power and auctoritee, to name and assigne the shire townes in every of the said shires, named in the said acte. And that every such limitacion appointment nomination and assignement to be made by the kinges highnes in that behalfe, by auctoritee of the said acte, shuld be as good and effectuell to all intentes & purposes, as though it had ben done, and made, plainly & particularly by auctoritee of parliament, any thing contained in the said acte, in the session of the said parliament holden the .iiii. daie of February, in the .xxvii. yere, or any thing or thinges to the contrary thereof notwithstanding. ¶ And forasmuch as the tyme of .iii. yerres limited to the kinges maiestee by the said acte, made in the .xxviii. yere of his graces reigne, is nigh expired, & by his highnes hath had such great affaires, & bregit causes to do, concerning the state and welth of this realme, that by occasion thereof his maiestee hath had no convenient tyme nor leisure, to accomplissh & execute the power & auctoritee committed to his highnes by the said acte, made in the saide .xxviii. yere of his reigne. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritee of this present parliament, that

that his intellect, during the space of other.iii. yeres, next after the first day of this present parliament, shal haue like power & auctoritee, to do & execute and accomplishe all and euery thing and thinges limited & appointed to his maiesty to be done & dōd and accomplished by the same act, made in the said.xxviii. yere of his gracin reigne, in as large and ample manner, in euery condicio, as his maiesty mought haue done & dōd and accomplished within the said time of thye yeres, limited by the same act, as is aforesaid. And that euery such limitation & appointment nomination & assignmet to be made by the kinges highnes in that behalfe, by auctoritee of this present act, during the space of the said other.iii. yeres, next after the first day of this present parliament, shalbe as good & effectuell, to al intentes & purposes, as though it had ben done & made plainly and particularly by auctoritee of parliament.

An acte concerning wrongfull taking of haukes egges and birdes out of the nest, finding & taking by of the kinges haukes, hunting in the kinges forest parks & chase & other ground inclosed, & killing of conies within any lawfull warren of the kinges. C.xii.

Where in the parliament holden at Westm. the.xi. yere of the reygne of the noble prince of famous memory kyng Henry the vii. it was ordeined, and amongest other thinges enacted & established, that no man of what condicion & degre so euer he bee, shuld take & cause to be take the egges of any faucon goshauke & laner out of the nest, upon peyn of imprisonment by one yere, & further to fyne at the kynges will. Not withstanding which estatute diuers idel & ill disposed persons, litle & nothing regarding & fearing the pain in the same estatute contained, haue not desisted to take egges of faucons goshaukes & laners out of the nestes, to the bitter destruction of the increase of the same faucons goshaukes & laners, if due reformation in that behalfe be not provided. In consideration wherof it is ordeyned and enacted by the kinge our soueraine lord, the lordes spiritual and tempoal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritee of the same that if any person & persons of what estate degre & condicion so euer he & they be, after the feast of the natiuitee of our Lady next comming, vnlawfully & wrongfully take & cause to be taken any egge & egges of any faucon goshauke & laner, & the birdes of any faucon goshauke laner & laneret, out of & from any neste & nestes of any faucon goshauke & laner, within any of the honours castels manours landes tenites woodes & other groundes what so euer they be, of the kynges highnes for the tyme being, wherof his said highnes is leised in demaine possession & reversion, & wherof he taketh the rentes issues reuenues & profitis that than the same offence and offences, and euery of them, shalbe adiudged and taken to bee felony, and the offender and offenders therein, beyng therof lawfully convicted and attainted, by and accordyng to the lawes of this realme, shalbe deemed and iudged felons, and shal haue and suffer suche peynes of death and also

also lose and forfeite their goodes and cattalles, landes, and tenementes, as in case of felony by the course of the common lawes of this realme. **¶** Provided alwaies, that this act or any thing therein before ordeined and enacted, extende not, nor be in any wise prejudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons, which after the said feast of the natiuitee of our Lady, shall take or cause to be taken any egge or egges of any faucon, goshauke or laner, or the byrdes of any faucon, goshauke, laner, or lanerret, out of or from any nest or nestes of any faucon, goshauke, or laner, within any honours castles manours landes tenementes woodes or other groundes, wherof or wherin any person or persons, bodies politike and corporat, other than the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, or any of them, than shall haue any estate of inheritance: any thinge before expressed or mentioned to the contrary therof not withstanding.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesayde, that if any person or persons, after the said feast of the Natiuitee of our Lady, happen to finde and take vp any faucon, gerfaucon, Jerkin, sacre, or sacret, goshauke laner, or lanerret, being the kynges hauke or haukes, & hauing upon him or them the marke of the kynges armes and veruels: that then if the same person or persons, whiche shall finde and take vp any suche faucon, gerfaucon, Jerkin, sacre or sacret, goshauke, laner, or lanerret, within .xii. daies next after the taking vp of any suche hauke, do not bypnyng or cause to be brought the same hauke so by him taken, to the maister of the kynges haukes, or to some of his graces fauconers, or within the tyme next abovesaid, do not geue knowlege of the taking vp of any such hauke to the sayd maister of the kynges haukes for the tyme being, or to the Shireffe of the Shire for the tyme being, where any such hauke shall be taken vp, or to one of the kynges fauconers for the tyme being nere abyding in or to any suche partes, where any such hauke shall be founden and taken vp, as is aforesaid: that than every suche syndring and taking vp of any such hauke, and not bypnyng nor geuing knowlege therof, as is aforesaid, shall be adiudged & taken to be felony: and the offender and offenders therein, being therof lawfully conuicted and attainted, by and accordyng to the lawes of this realme shall haue and suffer such peines of death and also lose and forfeite his and their goodes and cattalles landes and tenementes, as in case of felony by the course of the common lawes of this realme.

¶ Provided alwaies, that this acte nor any thing therein contained, be or shall be in any wise prejudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persons, that hereafter shall fynde and take vp any of the saide haukes of the kyng our soueraine lord his heires or successours, & by chance negligently or casually agaynst his or their wil, lose the same hauke or haukes: or if the same hauke die agaynst his or their wil, before they can or maie deliuer the same hauke, as is aforesaid.

¶ And where also iustice and equitee requireth, that every inheritour and possessor of manours landes or tenementes within this realme of Eng-

lande,

lande, shuld according to their estates or possessions peacefully and quietly haue take and enioy the profites reuenues and comodities of the same, as well in thinges of highe pleasure, as in thinges commonly valuable, without iniurie rapine or other extort wronge to be committed and done to any of them, within or vpon the same, & in especial of & in thinges of pleasure, as in hunting within forest parke or chase of the kynges, the queenes, the princis or of any other of the kynges lawfull children for the tyme beinge, ordeyned and provided for or concernyng his highnes, or their pleasure: Be it therfore ordeined and enacted by thauthoritie of this present parliament, that if any person or persons, of what estate degree or condition so euer he or they be, after the saide feast of the Natyvitie of our lady next comming, at any tyme of the day, that is to say, betwene the tyme of the arysing of the sonne, and going downe of the same, with his face hydde or couered with hooide or vsar, or with his face peynted, or him selfe otherwise disguised, to thentent that he would not be knowe, wrongfully enter into any forest parke or chase of the kynges highnes, the queenes, the princis, or of any other of the kynges said children for the tyme being, or into any other ground of his or theirs, inclosed with wall or pale, ordeyned and vsed for keeping and nourishing of dere, to thentent to steale any of the same dere, and by any meane of hunting or otherwise, as is aforesaid, by stealth slea or take any of the same dere, or drive or chase any of them out of the same forest chase parke, or other ground inclosed, as is aforesaid, ordeined and vsed for keeping and nourishing of dere, as is aforesaid, to thentent to steale the same dere. Or if any person, after the said feast last before remembred, at any tyme of the day as is aforesaid, with his face hidde or couered with hooide or vsar, or with his face peynted, or him selfe otherwise disguised, to thentent that he would not be knowen, take kyll or slea with any hay or other nette, or with any snerte or pursnet, any of the conies or rabbettes, being within any grounde soyle or place, being lawfull warren of the kynges highnesse, the queenes, the princis, or of any other the kynges said children, for the tyme being, and being kepte or vsed as warren for the maintenaunce and nourishyng of conies and rabbettes, or in fourme aforesayde, take kyll or slea any conies or rabbettes, being within any of the kynges parkes, his heires and successours or within any parke of the queenes, the princis, or of any other of the kynges said children for the tyme being. Except it be suche person or persones, as hath or shall haue the saide conies and rabbettes in ferme, or shalbe licenced by the writyng of the kyng, the quene, the prince, or of any other of the kynges said children, so to do: Or if after the said feast any person or persons, at any tyme in the nyght, that is to say, betwene the tyme of the goyng downe of the sonne, and arysing of the same, wrongfully enter into any forest chase parke or other grounde inclosed, as is aforesaid, of the kynges highnes, the queenes, the princis, or of any other of the kynges said children for the tyme being, inclosed, ordeyned & vsed for the keepyng and nourishyng of dere, to thentent to slea steale and take any of the dere of
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the said forest chace or parke, or other ground inclosed, as is aforesaid, or de-
nied and bled for the finding of deere, or by any meane of hunting or other
wyse, to thentent to steale at any tyme of the nyght, as is aforesaid, slea or
take any of the deere beyng in the same: or by any meane in the sayd nyght
tyme, chace or dnye out of any such forest chace parke or other ground inclo-
sed, as is aforesaid, of the kynges, his heires and successors, or of the quenes
the princis, or of any other the kynges said chyldren, for the tyme beyng,
any of the deere of the same, to thentent to steale the same deere: Or at any
tyme of the nyght aboute wyten, take kyl or slea with any hay or other net, or
with any fytel or pursnet, any of the conies or rabbettes in any ground or
soile, beyng a lausfull fre warren of the kynges highnes for the tyme beyng,
and beyng kept and bled as a warren, as is aforesaid, or take kyl or slea in
forme next aforesaid any conies or rabbettes, in any of the parkes of the
kynges highnes, his heires or successors, or of the quenes, the princis, or of
any other of the kynges said chyldren for the tyme being. Except he or they
that shal so offend, hath or shall haue the same conies in ferme, or otherwise
licenced, as is aforesaid: that than euery such offender and offenders for
their offences, by them or any of them committed and done, contrary to the
purport and effect of this act, shall be demed adiudged & taken as a felon,
and euery such offence by any of them committed & done, contrary to this
act, as is aforesaid, shalbe demed and adiudged felony. And that euery su-
che offender and offenders, which shall be therof conuicted and attempted,
accorpyng to the lawes of this realme, shall haue and suffer suche lyke pu-
nyshment, and incurre such losses and forspitures for the same, as ben or
depyed for other felons by the common lawes of this realme.

Provided alway and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that no ma-
ner of person or persons, of what estate or degree so euer he or they be, shall
hereafter be made, demed, or taken by any maner of meane, as accessary or
accessaries to any offender or offenders, offendyng in any thing contrary to
the tenour and effect of this acte, or of any article or clause therein cōteined;
but onely suche person and persons as shall hereafter abbet and procure
any such offender or offenders, to committe and do any offence contrary to
this acte, which person and persons so abbetting and procuring any offen-
der or offenders, to commit and do any offence contrary to the tenour and
effecte of this acte, shal after the same offence done, by the auctoritee aforesaid,
be adiudged demed and taken as accessary and accessaries in like ma-
ner, as in cases of felony at the common lawe.

Provided alway, that any word article clause sentence forfetture payne
or punishment in this acte before expressed and declared, shall not in any
wyse extend to any person or persons, that shall hunt take kylle or slea any
deere conies or rabbettes by day or nyght, contrary to this act in any chaces
forestes or warrens of the kynges, the quenes, the princis, or of any other
the kynges sayd chyldren, set lieng and being within his graces dominion
of wales, or in the borders against Scotlande, the forest of Snowden in
wales

waies only excepted: any thinge in this acte before declared and mencio-
ned to the contrary in any wise notwithstandinge.

¶ Provided alwaies, that this acte or any thinge therein contained, extend
not to any persone or persones, whiche shall not be lawfully indicted of any
offence in this acte contained within one yeare next after any such offence co-
mitted or done: This acte or any thinge therein contained to the contrary
notwithstandinge.

¶ An acte whereby all manors lawres possesions and hereditamentes belonging to any the
monasteries or other religious houses dissolved, or hereafter by any means to be dissol-
ved, are assured to the kynges highnes his heires and successours for ever. That
heire and in what wyse heires and graunters hereafter make or hereafter
to be made of them or any parte of them shall take effect. Kap. xiii.



¶ Here diuers & sundrie abbottes priors abbesses prioresses &
other ecclesiastical governours & governesses of diuers mona-
steries abbathies priories nories colleges hospitals houses
of friers, and other religious and ecclesiastical houses and
places, within this our soueraine lorde the kynges realme
of Englande and waies, of their owne free and voluntary
myndes, good willes and assentes, without constrainte coercion or com-
pulsion of any maner of person or persons stien the .iij. daye of Februa-
ry, the .xxviii. yere of the raigne of our now most dread soueraigne lorde, by
the due order and course of the common lawes of this his realme of En-
glande, and by their sufficiente wrytinges of recoorde vnder their counte &
common seales, haue severally geuen, graunted and by the same their wry-
tinges severally confirmed all their saide monasteries abbathies priories
nories colleges hospitals houses of friers, and other religious and eccle-
siastical houses and places, and all their sites circuits and poyntes of
the same, and all and singular their manors lordships granges meases
landes tenites medowes pastures rentes reuercions seruices woodes tithes
pensions porcions churches chapels aduousons patronages annuities, righ-
tes entres cobicions commons letes courtes liberties priuileges and fran-
chises apperteyning or in any wise belonginge to any suche monastrie ab-
bathie priorie norie college hospitall house of friers, and other religious
and ecclesiastical houses & places or to any of them, by what so euer name
or corporation thei or any of them were than named or called, and of what
order habite religion, or other kynde or qualitee in what thei or any of them
than were reputed knowne or taken: To haue and to holde al the said mo-
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servises, and all other the premises, to our saide soueraigne lorde: his he-
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priories monies colleges hospitall houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places sites circuits p[ro]uincies manours lordshippes graunges meases landes tenementes medowes pastures rentes reuercions seruices and other the p[re]misses, voluntarily as is aforesaide, haue renounced leffe and forsaiken, and every of them hath renounced leffe and forsaiken. Be it therefore enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, & the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this p[re]sent parliament assembled and by auctoritee of the same, that the kyng our soueraigne lord shall haue holde possede and enioie to him his heires and successours for ever, all and singular such late monasteries abbathies p[ri]ories monies colleges hospitalls houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, of what kinde natures qualitees or diversities of habites rules p[ro]fessions or orders they or any of them were named known or called, whiche sith the saide .iiii. date of february, the .xxviii. yere of the reigne of our saide soueraigne lord, haue bene dissolved suppressed renounced relinquished forsaited geuen by, or by any other meane come to his highnes, and by the same auctoritee, and in lyke maner shall haue hold possede and enioie all the sites circuits p[ro]uincies manours lordshippes graunges meases landes tenementes medowes pastures rentes reuercions seruices wooddes tithes pensions p[or]cions personages appropried vicarages churches chappels aduousons nominations patronages annuities rightes interestes entrees condicions commons letes courtes liberties p[ri]uileges franchises and other whatso ever hereditamentes, which appertained or belonged to the said late monasteries abbathies p[ri]ories monies colleges hospitall houses of friers, and other religious or ecclesiasticall houses and places, or to any of them, in as large and ample maner and forme as the late abbottes p[ri]ors abbesses p[ri]oresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses of suche late monasteries abbathies p[ri]ories monies colleges hospitalls houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, had helde or occupied, or of righte oughte to haue had holden or occupied in the righte of the said late monasteries abbathies p[ri]ories monies colleges hospitall houses of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, at the time of the saide dissolution suppression renouncynge relinquishynge forsaiteinge geuinge by, or by any other maner of meane comminge of the same to the kynges highnes sithen the .iiii. date of february aboue specified.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritee aboue saide, that not onely all the saide late monasteries abbathies p[ri]ories monies colleges hospitall houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places sites circuits p[ro]uincies manours lordshippes graunges meases landes tenementes medowes pastures rentes reuercions seruices and all other the p[re]misses, tothwith immediately and p[re]sently, but also all other monasteries abbathies p[ri]ories monies colleges hospitalls houses of friers and al other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, which hereafter

shall

shall happen to be dissolved suppressed renounced relinquished forfeited given by, or by any other meane come vnto the kynges highnes, and also all the cites, circuites, p[ro]uincies, manours, lordships, granges, mees, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, rentes, reuercions, seruices, wooddes, tithes, pencions, porcions, personages appropriate, vicarages, churches, chapelles, aduousons, nominacions, patronages, annuities, rightes interestes, entrees, condicions, commons, letes, courtes, liberties, p[ri]uileges, franchises, and other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, belonging or appertaining to the same, or to any of them, when so euer and as soon as they shal be so dissolved suppressed renounced relinquished forfeited given by or by any other meane come vnto the kynges highnes, shal be bested demed & adiuaged by auctoritee of this p[re]sent parliament, in the very actual & real seison and possession of the kyng our saide soueraine lord his heires and successors for euer, in the state and condicion as they now be, and as though all the saide late monasteries abbathies p[ri]ories nonries colleges hospitalles houses of friers, and all other religious and ecclesiasticall houses & places so dissolved suppressed renounced relinquished forfeited given by or come to the kynges highnes, as is aforesaid, as also the said monasteries abbathies p[ri]ories nonries colleges hospitalles houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolved suppressed renounced relinquished forfeited given by or come vnto the kynges highnes sites circuites p[ro]uincies manours lordships granges landes tenementes and other the p[re]misses, what so euer they be, and euer of them were in this p[re]sent act specially and particularly rehearsed named and expressed by expresse wordes names titles and faculties, and in their natures kyndes and qualities.

¶ And be it also enacted by th[a] auctoritee aforesaid, that all the said late monasteries abbathies p[ri]ories nonries coledges hospitalles houses of friers and other religious & ecclesiasticall houses and places, which ben dissolved suppressed renounced relinquished geue by, or come to the kynges highnes by any manner of meanes as is aforesaid, & all the manours lordships granges landes tenementes & other the p[re]misses (except such therof as be come to the kynges handes by attainder or attainders of treason) And all the said monasteries abbathies p[ri]ories nonries colleges hospitals houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolved suppressed renounced relinquished forfeited given by, or come vnto the kynges highnes, & all the manours lordships granges landes rentes medowes pastures rentes reuercions seruices wooddes tithes porcions pencions personages appropriate vicarages churches chapelles aduousons nominacions patronages annuities rightes interestes entrees condicions commons letes courtes liberties p[ri]uileges franchises & other hereditamentes whatsoeuer they be, belonging to the same or to any of the (except such therof, which shal happen to come to the kynges highnes by attainder or attainders of treason) shal be in the order suruei & gouernance of our said soueraine

raigne lord the kynges courtte of Augmentacions of the reuenues of his crowne, and of the chauncellour officers and ministers of the same. And al the fermes issues reuenues and profittes, cominge and growinge, of the premisses, and of euery parte therof (excepte befoze except) shall be ordered taken and receiued to the kynges vse by the saide chauncellour ministers and officers of the same courtte, in suche and lyke maner and fourme as the monasteries, priories, sites, circuites, manours, granges, messes, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuercions, seruices, tithes, pensions, portions, aduousons, patronages, rightes, entrees, condicions, and other hereditamentes late apperteynyng or belonging vnto the monasteries abbathies priories or other religious houses, late by auctoritee of parlyament suppressed, bene ordered surueied and gouerned. Sauinge to all and euery person and persons and bodies politike and their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of all and euery of them, other than the saide late abbottes, priours, abbessees, prioresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses of the saide late monasteries abbathies priories nonties colleges hospitalles houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, and their successours, and the successour of euery of them, and such as pretende to be founders patrones or donours of suche monasteries abbathies priories nonties colleges hospitalles houses of friers and other ecclesiasticall houses and places, or of any manours, messuages landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, belonging to the same, or to any of them, their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery suche founder patron or donour, and the now abbottes priours abbessees prioresses and other ecclesiasticall gouernours and gouernesses of suche monasteries abbathies priories nonties colleges hospitalles houses of friers, and other religious: and ecclesiasticall howses and places, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolued suppressed renounced relinquished forfeited geuen by or come to the kings highnes, and such as pretende to be founders patrons or donours of such monasteries abbathies priories nonties colleges hospitalles houses of friers and other ecclesiasticall houses and places, or of any manours messuages landes tenementes or other hereditamentes to the same belonging, or to any of them, their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery of them, all such right title claime interest possession rentes charges annuitees leases fermes, offices, fees, lpueries and lpuinges, portions, pensions, cotrodies, commons synodes priories and other profittes, whiche they or any of them haue claime ought make or might haue had in or to the premisses, or to any parte or parcell therof, in suche lyke maner fourme and condicion, to all intentes respectes constructions & purposes, as if this act had neuer ben had ne made, rentes seruices, rentes secke, and all other seruyces and suites onely excepte.

¶ Doubted alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritee abouesaid, that if any late abbot priour prioresse abbesse or other ecclesiasticall gouernour or gouer

gouvernesse abovesaid, within one yere next befoze the dissolucion suppressi-
 tion renouncynge relinquisshynge forsaityng giuyng by or comynge to the
 kynges byghnes of his late monastery abbathie prioze nonty college hos-
 pital house of friers, or other religious or ecclesiastical house or place, hath
 made any lease or graunt vnder his couent or common seale, or otherwyse,
 for terme of life, or for terme of yeres, of the tye, circuite, and pzoyncte, of
 his saide late monastery, abbathie, prioze, nonty, college, hospital, house of
 friers or other religious or ecclesiastical house or place, or of any part ther
 of, or of any manours, mesuages, graunges, landes, tenementes, perso-
 nages appropriate, tythes, pencions, porcions, or other hereditamentes,
 whiche belonged or appertained to his saide late monastery abbathie prioze
 nonty college hospitall house of friers or other religious or ecclesiastical
 house or place, whiche manours, mesuages, graunges, landes, tenemen-
 tes, personages appropriate, tythes, pencions, porcions, or other heredita-
 mentes were not befoze the same lease comonly vsed to be set nor let to ferme,
 but kept and referued in the munerance tyllage or occupation of the saide
 gouernour or gouernesse, for the maintenaunce of hospitalitie and good
 house keepynge: or within one yere, as is abovesaid, hath made any lease or
 graunt for terme of life, or for terme of yeres, or of any manours, mesuages,
 landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, woodes, personages appropriate,
 tythes, pencions, porcions, churches, chappelles, or other hereditamentes,
 what so euer they be, wherof or in the whiche any estate or interest for terme
 of lyfe, yere or yeres, at the time of the making of any such graunt or lease,
 than hadde his beyng or continuance, and than was not determined, ex-
 pished, or expired, or within the tyme of one yere, as is abovesaid, hath
 made any lease or graunt for terme of life, or for terme of yeres of any ma-
 nours, mesuages, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, woodes, per-
 sonages appropriate, tythes, pencions, porcions, churches, chappelles, or
 other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, vppon the whiche leases and
 grauntes, the vsuall and olde rentes and fermes accustomed to be pelden
 and referued by the space of. xx. yeres nexte befoze the firste daie of this
 present parliamente is and be not theruppon referued and holden: Or if
 any suche gouernour or gouernesse hath made any bargayne or sale of
 his woodes, within one yere, as is afoze limited, whiche woodes be yet
 growynge and standynge, that than all and euerp such lease graunte bar-
 gaine and sale of woode or woodes, shall be utterlie voyde, and of none
 effecte.

And it is also enacted by auctoritee as afozesaid, that all feoffmentes fy-
 nes and recoueries, had, made, knowledged, or suffered by any gouernour
 or gouernesse, without the kynges licence vnder his great seale, within one
 yere next befoze the dissolucion, renouncynge, relinquisshynge, forsa-
 tyng, giuyng by, or comynge vnto the kynges highenesse, of his
 saide monastrie, abbathie, prioze, nontie, college, hospitall, howse of
 friers, or other religious or ecclesiastical howse or place, of any ma-
 nours

noys, meases, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, whiche the saide late abbot, priour, abbesse, prioressse, and other ecclesiasticall gouernour and gouernesse, or any of theym, or any of their predecessors hadde or helde of the gifte, graunte, or confirmation of our saide soueraigne lord, or any of his highenesse progenitours, or of the whiche monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospitalles, howses of friers, or other religious and ecclesiasticall houses, or places, our saide soueraygne lord was founder or patron, or whiche manours, meases, landes tenementes, or other hereditamentes were of the aunciente or olde foundation or possession of the saide late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nonries, colledges, hospitalles, howses of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, shalbe utterly voyde and of none effecte.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctozyte abovesayde, that if any abbotte, priour, abbesse, prioressse, or other ecclesiasticall gouernour or gouernesse of any monastery, abbathie, priorie, nonrie, colledge, hospital, house of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall howse or place, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolved, suppressed, renounced, relinquished, forfeited, geuen by, or come to the kynges hyghnes within one yere nexte before the fyrste daie of this presente parliamente haue made or hereafter dooe make any lease or graunt vnder his couent or common seale, or other wise for terme of yeres, or lyfe or lyues, of the site circuite and p[ro]uincie of his saide monastery abbathie priory nonry colledge hospitall howse of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall house or place, or of any part therof, or of any manours, messuages, landes, tenementes, personages appropriate, tithes, pensions, porcions, or other hereditamentes belongyng or apperteynyng to his saide monasterie, abbathie, priory, nonry, college, hospitalle, house of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall house or place, whiche manours, meases, graunges, landes, tenementes, personages appropriate, tithes, pensions, porcions, or other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, were not before the same lease commonly vsed to bee sette nor lette to ferme, but kept and reserued in the manurance tillage or occupation of the saide gouernour or gouernesse for the mayntenaunce of hospitalite, and good howse keepyng, or now be in the manurance tillage or occupation of the saide gouernour or gouernesse for the maintenance of hospitalite and good howse keepyng, or within one yere nexte before the fyrste daie of this presente parliamente, hath made, or hereafter shal make any lease or graunte for terme of lyfe, or for terme of yeres, of any manours, meases, landes, tenementes, medowes, pastures, woodes, personages appropriate, tithes, pensions, porcions, churches, chappelles, or other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, whereof and in the whiche any estate or intereste for terme of lyfe, yere or yeres, atte the tyme of the makynge of any suche graunte or lease then hadde his beinge or continuance, or hereafter shall haue his beinge or continuance, and

and that was not determined synished or expired, or at the tyme of any suche lease to be made shall not be determined synished or expired, or within one yere nexte before the firste daie of this presente parliamente, hath made or hereafter shall make any lease or graunte for tyme of lyfe, or for tyme of yeres, of any manours, mesuages, landes, tenementes, meadowes, pastures, woodes, personages appropriate, tythes, pensions, portions, churches, chapels, or other hereditamentes, what so ever they be, upon the whiche leases and grauntes, the vsuall and olde rentes and termes accustomed to be yelden and reserved by the space of xx. yeres nexte, before the saide firste day of this present parlyament is or be not, or hereafter shall not be thereupon reserved and yelden: And if any suche gouvernour or gouvernelle of any suche monastery, abbathie, priory, nunnery, colledge, hospitall, howse of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall house or place whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolved, suppressed, renounced, relinquished, forsighted, geuen by, or comme to the kynges highnesse, within one yere nexte before the firste daie of this presente parlyamente, hath made, or hereafter shall make any bargayne or sale of his woodes, whiche woodes be yet growynge and standynge, that than all and every suche lease graunt bargayne and sale of woode or woodes, shall be utterly voyde, and of none effecte.

And it is also enacted by thauthoritee aforesaide, that all scotementes fines and recoveries hadde, made, knowledged, or suffered, within one yere nexte before the firste daie of this presente parliamente, or hereafter to be hadde made knowledged or suffered by any gouvernour or gouvernelle of any monasterie, abbathie, priory, nunnery, college, hospitall, howse of friers, or other religyouse or ecclesiasticall howse or place, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolved, suppressed, renounced, relinquished, forsighted geued by, or comme to the kynges highnesse, withoute the kynges lycence vnder his greatescale, of any manours, meases, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, what so ever they be, whiche the saide abbottes, priours, abbelles, prioresses, and other ecclesiasticall gouvernours and gouvernelles, whiche hereafter shall happen to be dissolved, suppressed relinquished forsighted geuen by or come vnto the kynges highnes, as is aforesaide, or any of them, or any of their predecessours hadde or helde, or haue and holde of the gifte, graunte, or confirmation of our sayde soueraygne lord, or of any of his highnesse progenitours, or of the whiche monasteries, abbathies, priories, nunnies, colleges, hospitalles, howses of friers, or other religyouse or ecclesiastical howses or places, our sayde soueraygne lord is foundar or patrone, or whiche manours, meases, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, were or be of the auncient or olde foundation or possession of the saide monasteries, abbathies, priories, nunnies, colledges, hospitalles, howses of friers, or other religyouse or ecclesiasticall houses or places, shall be utterly voyde and of none effecte.

Provided alway, & be it enacted by auctorite abovesayd, that if any abbot priour abbesse or prioress, or other gouernour or gouernesse abovesaid, within one yere next before the fyrste date of this present parliament, or if any late abbot, priour, abbesse, prioress, or other late gouernour or gouernesse abovesaide, within one yere nexte before any such dissolution, suppression, renouuncyng, relinquishyng, forsaityng, giuyng vpp, or commyng to the kynges highnesse of the premisses, or of any parcell thereof, as is aforesaide, haue made any demyse, lease, or graunte, to any person or persones for terme of yeres, of any manours, meases, landes, tenementes, personages appropriate, tythes, pencions, porcions, or other hereditamentes aforesaide, whiche person or persones at the tyme of the saide demyse, lease, or graunte, hadd and helde the same to ferme for terme of yeres than not expired: that than the saide personne or persones, to whom any suche demyse, lease, or graunte hath beene so made, shal haue and holde the same for the terme of .xxi. yeres only from the tyme of the makyng of the saide demyse, lease, or graunte, if so many yeres bee by the same demyse lease or graunte specified lymytted and expessed, or els for so many yeres as in suche demyse lease or graunte bene expessed, so that the olde rent be ther vpon reserved, and so that the same lease or leases exceede not .xxi. yeres. This acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary not withstandyng.

Provided also, and be it enacted by chauctorite abovesaide, that if any abbotte priour abbesse prioress, or other late gouernour or gouernesse, within one yere next before any suche dissolution suppression renouuncyng relinquishyng forsaityng giuyng vpp or commyng vnto the kynges highnesse of the premisses, or of any parcell thereof, as is aforesaide, haue made any demyse lease or graunte to any person or persones for terme of lyfe or lyues of any manours meases landes tenementes personages appropriate tythes pensyons porcions, or other hereditamentes aforesaid, whiche person or persons or any of them, at the tyme of the saide demyse lease or graunte hadde and helde the same for terme of lyfe or lyues, or for terme of yeres, than not expired: that than the saide person or persons, to whom any such lease or graunte hath beene so made, shal haue and hold the same for terme of theyr lyfe or lyues, so that the olde rente be there vpon reserved: This acte or any other thyng therein conteyned to the contrarie thereof not withstandyng.

Provided also and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that all and singular leases and grauntes, made by copy to any person or persons of any of the saide messuages, landes tenementes, personages appropriate, tythes, pensyons porcions, or other hereditamentes aforesaide, for terme of lyfe or lyues, whiche by the custome of the countreie, hath beene vsed to be demysed, letted, or graunted by copie of courtte rolle, shal bee good and effectuell in the lawe, so that the olde rent be reserved by and vpon euery suche lease and leases: this acte or any thing therein conteyned to

to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

It is provided alwaie and be it further enacted by thauctoiztee abovesaid, that all leases heretofore made of any the premises by auctozitee of our soueraigne lord the kynges court of augmentacions, of the revenues of his crowne, and all such leases feoffementes and woode sales, made by the saide gouvernours or gouvernelles, or any of them, under their countre seals, or under the counte or common seal of any of them, within one yer herebefore the dissolution suppression renunsing or relinquishing forsaithing: gevinge by or cominge to the kynges highnes, of the saide monasteries abbathies priories nunnies colleges hospitallies houses of feters or other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, whiche saide leases grauntes feoffementes & woode sales have bene examined entolled bettered or affirmed in our saide soueraigne lord the kynges court of augmentacions, and the decree of the same put in writinge, sealed with the seal of the saide court of augmentacions, shall be good and effectuell according to the same decree: any clause or acte, heretofore in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

It is provided alwaie and be it also further enacted by thauctoiztee abovesaid, that if any persone or persones have suckely and truly, without fraude or coun, pated or geuen any summe or summes of money to any the saide late gouvernours or gouvernelles, for the bargaine and sale of any woodes, beinge and growinge in or vppon any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whiche appertained or belonged to the saide late monasteries, abbathies, priories, nunnies, colleges, hospitallies, houses of feters, or other religious or ecclesiasticall places or vnto any of them whiche bargaine and sale, by auctozitee of this acte, is made void and of none effecte, and by meane thereof the kynges highnes may have and take the comodities and profite of suche woodes, so bargained and solde: that then the Chauncellour and other officers of our saide soueraigne lord the kynges court of augmentacions, or thre of them, wherof the Chauncellour for the tyme beinge shall be one, of our saide soueraigne lord the kynges treasour, remaining in the treasorie of the same court, shall satisfie and recompence every suche persone and persones, suche summe of monie, or other recompence, as the same Chauncellour and officers, or thre of them, wherof the saide Chauncellour shall be one, shall thinke mete and convenient. And if any other person or persones, shall happen to take profite and comodities, by reason of avoidinge of suche woode sales by auctozitee of this acte, that then every personne and persones, whiche may or shall take suche profite, shall be ordered for satisfaction to be made to the parties, that shall happen to be greued by this acte, by the saide Chauncellour and other the officers of the same court.

It is provided also, and be it further enacted by thauctoiztee abovesaid, that all and every person and persons their heires and assignes, whiche sithen

the said. iiii. daie of february, by licence, pardone confirmation release assente or consent of our saide soueraigne lord the kynge, under his great seale heretofore geuen had or made, or hereafter to be had or made, have obtained or purchased by indenture fyne feoffemente recouerie or otherwise of the said late abbottes, priours, abbesses, prioresses, or other gouernours or gouernesses of any suche monasteries, abbathies, priories, nontries, colleges, hospitalles, houses of friers, or other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, any monasteries, priories, colleges, hospitalles, manours, landes tenementes, medowes, pastures, woodes, churches, chapelles, personages, tithes, pensions, porcions or other hereditamentes, shall haue and enioye the same, accordinge to suche wytynges and assurances as bene therof befoze the daie of this presente parlyamente, or hereafter shall be had or made.

Sauinge to all and every persone and persones and bodies pollytike, their heires and successours, and to the heires and successours of every of them other than the said late abbottes, abbesses, priours, prioresses, and other gouernours and gouernesses and their successours, and the successours of every of them, and suche as pretende to be founders, patrons, or donors of the said monasteries, abbathies, priories nontries, colleges, hospitalles and other religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places, or of any of them, or of any manours, mesages, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes late belonginge to the same, or to any of them, and their heires, successours, and the heires and successours of every suche founder, patrone, or donour, all suche righte, tyle, interest, possession, rentes, annuities, commodities, offices, fees, liveryes, and liverynges, porcions, pensions, corrodies, synodes, priories, and other profits, whiche the same or any of them haue ought or mought haue had in or to any of the said monasteries, abbathies, priories, colleges hospitalles, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, reuercions, tithes, pensions, porcions, or other hereditamentes, at any tyme befoze any suche purchas, indentures, fines, feoffementes recoueries or other lawfull meane betwene any suche parties had or made, as is abovesaide, this acte or any thinge therein contayned to the contrary notwithstanding.

And where our saide soueraigne lord the .iiii. daie of february, the said. xxvii. yere of the reigne of our saide soueraigne lord, hath obtained and purchased as well by exchaunges as by giffes bargaynes fyne feoffementes recoueries debes entolled and otherwyse of diuers and sundry persons many sundry and diuers honours castels manours landes tenementes medowes pastures woodes rentes reuercions seruices and other hereditamentes, and hath not only paid diuers and sundry great summes of money for the same, but also hath geuen and granted for the same, unto diuers and sundry persons diuers & sundry manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, and other recompenses in and for full satisfaction of all suche honours castels manours landes tenementes rentes reuercions

ons services and other his hereditamentes, by his highnes obtained as had as is above saide. Be it therefore enacted by the authority above saide, that our saide soueraine lord the kynge, his heires and successours, shall have holde possede and enjoye all suche honours castles manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes as his highnes hath the saide .xiii. daie of february, the .xxvii. yere above saide, hath obtained and had by waie of exchange bargain purchase or other what so ever meane or meanes according to the true meaninge and intent of his highnesse bargain exchange or purchas, misrecitall misnaminge or non recitall or not naminge of the saide honours castles manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes comprised or mencioned in the bargains or witynges made betwene the kynge his highnes and any other partie or parties: or of the towne or counties, where the saide honours castles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes lie and bene, or any other matter or cause what so ever it be in any wise not withstanding.

¶ Savinge to all and every person and persons, and to their heires, bodies politike and corporate, and to their successours and to every of them, other than suche person and persons, and their heires and their wives, and the wyves of every of them, bodies politike and corporate and their successours and every of them, of whom the kynge his highnes hath obtained by exchange gift bargain fine feoffment recovery dede entolled or otherwise, any such honours castles manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes as is above saide, all suche righte title his interesse possession rentes charges annuities comodities fees and other profits, (rentes services and rentes seckes only except) whiche they or any of them have might or ought to have had in or to the premises so obtained and had, or in or to any parcell therof, if this acte had never be had nor made, this presente acte, or any thyng therein contained to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And where it hath pleased the kynge his highnes of his moste abundante grace and goodnes, aswell upon divers and sundry considerations his majestie specially moving, as also otherwise to have bargained solde chaunged or geven and granted by his graces seuerall letters patentes indentures or other witynges, aswell vnder his highnesse grete seale, as vnder the seale of his highnesse Duchy of Lancaster, and the seale of the office of the augmentacions of his crowne, vnto diuers and sundry of his louinge and obedient subiectes, diuers and sundry honours castles manours monasteries abathies priories landes tenementes rentes revenues services personages appropriated advowsons libertees tithes oblations portions pensions franchises priuileges liberties and other hereditamentes comodities and profits, in fee simple fee talle for terme of lyfe, or for terme of yeres: For auoidinge of whiche said letters patentes and of the contentes of the same, diuers sundry and many ambiguities doubtes & questions might hereafter arise be moued and stirred, aswell for misrecitall or non recital, as for diuers other matters thynges or causes to be alledged objected or mur-

yet againste the saide letters patentis, as also for lacke of findinge of offices of inquisition, wherby the title of his highnes therein ought to have bene founde, before the making of the same letters patentis, as for unrecitall of nonrecitall of leases, as well of recordes as not of recordes, as for lacke of the certaintie of the valnes, as by reason of misnaming, of the honours castles manours monasteries abbathies priories landes tenementes and other hereditamentes comprised and mentioned within the same letters patentis, as of the toiwres and counties, wher the same honours castles manours monasteries abbathies priories landes tenementes tenes and other hereditamentes lyen & bene, as for diuers and sundrie other suggestions and surmises, whiche her after might happen to be moued surmised and procured againste the same letters patentis: al be it the wordes in effect contained in the saide letters patentis be accordinge to the true intent and meaning of his most roiall maiestee. Be it therfore enacted by the auctoritee of this present parlyament, that as well all and euery the said letters patentis indentures or other wrytinges and euery of them, vnder the seale or seales aboue saide, or of any of them, made or graunted by the kynges highnes, sithen the saide. iiii. day of february, the saide. xxii. yeres of his most noble reigne as all and singular other his graces letters patentis indentures or other wrytinges to be had made or graunted to any person or persons within thre yeres next after the making of this present acte or any honours castles manours monasteries abbathies priories nozies colleges hospitals howses of friers or of other religions or ecclesiasticall howses or places sites circuits pocietes landes tenementes personages cythes pensions poztions aduousons nominacions and all other hereditamentes and possessions, of what kynde nature or qualitee, so euer thei bee, or by what so euer name or names thei or any of them be named knownen or reputed, shall stande and be good effectuell and available in the lawe of this realme to all respectes purposes constructions and intentes againste his maiestee his heires and successours, without any other lycence dispensacion or tollerance of the kynges highnesse his heires and successours, or of any other person or persons what so euer thei be, for any thinge or thynges contained or hereafter to be contained in any suche letters patentis indentures or other wrytinges: any cause consideration or thinge materiall to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Ensayng to all and singular persones, bodies politike and corporate, their heires and successours, & the heires and successours of euery of them other then his highnes his heires and successours, and the saide gouernours and gouernesses and their successours honours founders and patrons aforesaid and their heires and successours, and all other persons claiming in their rightes or to their vse, or in the righte or to thuse of any of them, all suche right title claime interest possession reuercion remainder offices annuities rentcharges and commons, whiche thei or any of them haue ought or mought haue had in or to any of the saide honours castles manours

manours, monasteries, abbathies, priories, landes tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in the saide letters patentes made, or hereafter to be made, comprised at any tyme before the makynge of the saide or suche letters patentes: This acte or any thing therein contayned to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ And where byuerse and sundry abbottes, priours, abbeses, prioresses, and other ecclesiastical gouernours and gouernesses of the said late monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitals houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiastical houses & places, haue had possed and enioyed byuers and sundry personages appropriated tithes pensions and porcions, and also were acquitted and discharged of and for the paiement of paymētes of tithes to be paid out or for their said monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitalles houses of friers, & other religious and ecclesiastical houses and places manour mesuages landes tenementes and hereditamentes: Be it therfore enacted by chauncerye aboute saide, that as well the kyng our soueraine lord, his heires and successours as all and euery such, person and persons, their heires and assignes, whiche haue or hereafter shal haue any monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitalles houses of friers, or other ecclesiastical houses or places sites circuits procinctes of the same, or of any of theym, or any manours mesuages, personages appropriate, tithes pensions, porcions, or other hereditamentes what so euer they be, whiche belonged or apperteyned, or whiche nowe belonge or appertayne vnto the said monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitals houses of friers, or other religious & ecclesiastical houses or places, or vnto any of them, shal haue hold cetepe kepe and enioy as well the saide personages appropriate tithes pensions and porcions as the said monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitals houses of friers and other religious and ecclesiastical houses and places sites circuits procinctes manours meales landes tenementes and other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, and euery of theym, accorpyng to their estates and titles, discharged and acquitted of paiement of tythes as freely and in as large and ample maner as the saide late abbottes priours abbeses prioresses and other ecclesiastical gouernours and gouernesses, or any of them hadde helde occupied, possed, vled, cetepeyd or enioyed the same, or any parcel therof at the daies of their dissolution suppression renuncyng relinquisshyng forsaityngge gpyng vp or commyng to the kynges hyghnes of suche monasteries abbathies priories nonries colleges hospitals house of friers, or other religious or ecclesiastical houses or places, or at the day of the dissolucio suppression renuncyng relinquisshyng geuing vp or commyng to the kynges highnes of any of them, this acte or any thyng therein contayned to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Sauyng to the kynges highnes his heires and successours all and all maner of rentes seruises and other duties, what so euer they be, as if this acte had neuer ben had nor made.

And be it further enacted by auctoritee of this present parliament, that suche of the saide late monasteries abbathies priories nontries colledges hospitalles houses of friers, and other religious and ecclesiasticall houses and places, and all churches and chappels, to them or any of them belonging, which befoze the dissolucion suppression renouncynge relinquishinge forsaitting geuyng by or comynge vnto the kynges highnesse, were exempted from the visitacion or visitacions, and all other iurisdiction of the ordinary or ordinaries, within whose diocesse they were situate or sette, shall from henceforth be within the iurisdiction and visitacion of the ordinary or ordinaries, within whose diocesse they or any of them be situate and set, or within the iurisdiction and visitacion of suche person or persons, as by the kynges highnesse shall be limited or appoynted: This acte or any other exemption libertee or iurisdiction to the contrary not withstanding.

And where befoze this tyme it hath pleased the kynges maiestee, at the contemplacion and humble petition of the ryght noble Thomas duke of Norfolk. to geue his royall assent of lycence by his graces worde, without any maner of letters patentees or other writyng, to purchase and receyue to hym & to his heires for euer, of william flatbery, late abbot of the monastery of Sipton, in the countie of Suff. and couent of the same late monastery now beynge dissolued, all the same monastery together, with all and singular manours, lordshippes, landes, teneimentes, woodes, waters commons courtes letes aduousons patronages personages bycargages chauntries free chapels tythes porcions of tythes pencions annuities rentes suites seruices reuercions remainders, and all other thynges, whiche were the hereditamentes or the possessions of the saide late monastery, where so euer they lay or were within the realme of Englande. And in likewyse our saide soueraigne lord, gaue lyke lycence by his graces worde vnto the ryghte honourable George lord Cobham, to pouerchace and receyue to him & to his heires for euer, of the late maister and byethern of the colledge or chauntry of Cobham, in the countie of Kente, now beynge utterly dissolued, the syte of the same colledge or chauntry, and all and singular their hereditamentes and possessions, as well tempozall as ecclesiastical, where so euer they lay or were within the realme of England. Be it therfoze enacted by thauctoritee of this present parliament, that the acte aboue written, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not be in anye wyse prejudiciall or hurtfull to the saide Duke, and lord Cobham, or to eyther of them, or to the heires or assignes of eyther of them, but that the same duke and lord Cobham, and eyther of them sondrily, and the heires & assignes of eyther of them, shall and may haue hold receyue and enioye the premisses by them sondrily purchased or receyued, accordyng to the purpotes and effectes of such evidences writynges & conuicances, as they or any of them sondrily haue caused to be deuised and made to them, or to theyr vles for the same. Sauynge alwaie and reseruyng to all and singular persons and bodies politike, and to their heires & successours, other than the

the said late abbott and couent, and their successors, and the said late
maister and bytherne, and their successors, and the founders of the same
monasterie, or of the said college or chauntrie, and the heires of either of
them, and all donours, graunters, or augmenters of them, or of either of
them, and the heires and assignes of either of them, all such tyghtes titles
possessions rentes seruises fees offices annuities royalties liuertes leases
or al other their such interestes pofites and comodities, as they or any of
them had shulde or ought to haue, of to or in any of the pmisses sundry
purchased or receiued by the said duke or lord Cobham, if this present act
had neuer ben had or made, any thyng in the same acte to the contrary be-
yng in any wise notwithstanding.

AN ACTE FOR ABOLISHYNGE OF DIVERSITIE OF OPINIONS IN CERTAINE

ARTICLES CONCERNINGE CHRIS-

TIAN RELIGION,

CAP. XIII.



WHERE THE KINGES moste excellente maiestee is by
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church and congregacion of England, intendynge the con-
seruacion of the same churche and congregacion in a true
syncere and vniuersall doctrine of Chyistes religion, callynge
also to his blessed and most gracious remembrance, as well
the great and quiet assurance, prosperous increase, and other innumera-
ble comodities, whiche haue euer ensued come and folowed of Concorde
agreement and vnitie in opinions, as also the manifolde perils daungers
and inconueniences, whiche haue heretofore in many places and regions,
especially of matters of Chyisten religion: And therfore desiring, that such
an vnitie myght and should be charitably established in all thynges tou-
chyng and concernynge the same, as the same so beyng established mighte
chiefely bee to the honour of almighty God, the very author and fountaine
of all true vnitie and syncer concord, and consequently redounde to the
common welthe of this his hyghnes moste noble realme, and of all his lo-
uyng subiectes, and other resyautes and inhabitautes of or in the same:
hath therfore caused and commaunded this his moste hygh court of
Parlamente, for sundry and many vrgente causes and considerations, to
bee at this tyme summoned, and also a Synode and conuocation of all the
archebisshoppes, bisshoppes, and other lered men of the clergy of this his
realme, to be in like maner assembled.

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And for as muche as in the saide parliamente Synode and conuocation there were certayne articles matters and questions proponed and set forth, touchyng Chriſten religion, that is to ſaie: 1. Firſte whether in the moſte bleſſed Sacramente of thalter remaineth after the conſecration, the ſubſtaunce of breade and wyne, or no. 2. Secondly, whether it be neceſſary by goddes lawe, that all men ſhulde be communicate with both kyndes or no. 3. Thirdely, whether prieſtes, that is to ſaie, men dedicate to god by prieſthode, may by the lawe of God, marie after, or no. 4. Fourthely, whether bowe of chaſtitee or wydowhed, made to God aduiſedly by man or woman, be by the lawe of God to be obſerued, or no. 5. Fiftely, whether priuate Maſſes ſtande with the lawe of God, and be to be vſed and continued in the church and congregacion of Englande, as thinges, wherby good Chriſten people maye and do receiue bothe godly conſolation, and holſome benefytes, or no. 6. Sixtly, whether Auricular confeſſion is neceſſary to be reteined, continued, vſed, and frequented in the church, or no. The kynges moſt royall maiestie, moſte prudently ponderynge and conſiderynge, that by occaſion of variable and ſundry opinions and iudgementes of the ſaid articles, great diſcord and variaunce hath ariſen, as well amongeſte the clergy of this his realme, as amongeſt a great number of the vulgar people, his louyng ſubiectes of the ſame: And beyng in a full hope and truſt, that a full and perfecte reſolution of the ſaid articles, ſhulde make a perfecte concoorde and vnitee generally amonges all his louyng and obediēt ſubiectes, of his moſte excellent goodnes not onely commaunded, that the ſaide articles ſhulde deliberately and aduiſedly, by his ſaide archbiſhops, biſhops, and other lerned men of his clergy, be debated, argued, and reaſoned, and their opinions therein to be vnderſtande declared & known, but alſo moſte graciously vouchſaued: in his owne princely perſone, to diſcende and come into his ſaide highe court of Parliament and counſell, and there like a prince of moſte hygh prudence, and no leſſe lernynge, opened and declared many thinges of high lernyng and great knowledge, touchyng the ſaide articles matters and questions for an vnitee to be had in the ſame. Whetupon after a great and longe deliberate and aduiſed diſputacion and conſultacion had and made, concernyng the ſaide articles, as well by the conſent of the kynges hyghneſſe, as by thallent of the Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and other lerned men of his clergy in theſe conuocation, and by the conſent of the commons in this preſent parliamente aſſembled, it was and is finally reſolued accorded and agreed in maner & ſortaine folowynge. That is to ſay. 1. Firſt, that in the moſte bleſſed Sacrament of the altare, by the ſtrength and efficacy of Chriſtes myghty worde (it beyng ſpoken by the prieſt) is preſent really vnder the forme of breade & wine, the naturall body & bloud of our ſauſour Jeſu Chriſte, conſeued of the virgin Mary: And that after the conſecration there remaineth no ſubſtaunce of breade or wine, nor any other ſubſtaunce, but the ſubſtaunce of Chriſte, God and man.

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Secondly, that communion in both kindes, is not necessary *Ad salutem*, by the lawe of god to al perſons, And that it is to be beleued and not doubted of, but that in the fleſhe, vnder ſourme of bread, is the very bloud: and with the bloude, vnder ſourme of wyne, is the very fleſhe aſwell aſparte, as though they were both together.

Thirdely, that priſtes, after the order of prieſthode receyued, as aſore, maie not inary by the lawe of God.

Fourthly, that bowes of chaſtitey of wydolynage, by man or woman, made to God aduſedly, ought to be obſerued by the lawe of God: and that it exteinteth them from other liberties of Chyiſten people, whiche without that they myght enioye.

Fiſtely, that it is mete and neceſſary, that priuate maſſes bee continued and admytted in this the kynges Englyſhe churche and congregation, as wherby good Chyiſten people, ordering them ſelues accordyngly, do receyue both godly and goodly conſolacions and benefytes: and it is agreeable alſo to goddes lawe.

Sixtly, that Auricular confeſſion is expedient and neceſſary to be retained and continued vſed and frequented in the churche of god. For the whiche moſt godly ſtudy payne and trauaile of his maieſtee, and determination and reſolution of the premiſſes, his moſte humble & obedient ſubiectes, the lordes ſpirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, not onely rendze and geue vnto his highnes their moſte hygh and hartey thanks, and thinke them ſelues moſt bounden, to pray for the longe continuance of his graces moſte royall eſtate, but alſo beyng deſyrous, that his moſte godly enterpriſe maie be well accompliſhed and broughte to a full ende and perfection, and ſo eſtabliſhed, that the ſame myght be to the honour of god, and after to the common quiete vniite and concord to be had in the hole body of this realme for euer. Moſt humbly be bechen his royall maieſtee, that the reſolution and determination aboue wyttten of the ſaide articles, maie be eſtabliſhed and perpetually perſpyred by auctoritee of this preſent parliament. It is therfore ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our ſoueraigne lord, the lordes ſpirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoritee of the ſame, that yf any perſon or perſons within this realme of Englande, or any other the kynges dominions, after the .xii. date of July nexte comyng, by worde, wrytyng, impryntynge, cryſyng, or in any other wyſe, do publiſhe, preache, teache, ſay, affirme, declare, diſpute, argue, or holde any opinion, that in the bleſſed Sacrament of the altare, vnder ſourme of bread and wyne (after the conſecration therof) there is not preſent, really, the naturalle body & bloude of our ſauour Jeſu Chyiſt, conceived of the virgin Marie or that after the ſayd conſecration, there remaineth any ſubſtance of bread or wyne or any other ſubſtance, but the ſubſtance of Chyiſt: God and man. Or after the tyme aboue ſaide, publiſhe, preache, teache, ſay, affirme, declare, diſpute, argue, or holde opinion, that in the fleſhe, under

vnder fourme of bzed, is not the very blood of Chylle. Or that with the bloude, vnder the fourme of wine, is not the very fleshe of Chylle aswell a parte as thoughe they were both together. Or by any of the meanes aboue saide, or otherwysse, preache, teache, declare, or asserme the saide Sacrament to be of other substance, than is aboue saide, or by any meane contempne depzaue or dispise the saide blessed Sacramente: that then every suche person and persons, so offendynge, their aidours, conforters counsaylours, consentours, and abettours, therein, beyng thereof convicted in fourme vnder written, by the auctoritee aboue saide, shalbe demed and ad iudged heretikes. And that every suche offence, shalbe ad iudged manifeste heresy. And that every suche offendour and offendours, shal therfore haue and suffer iudgementes execution peine and paynes of deth, by way of burning without any abjuracion clergy of seintuary, to be therfore permitted had allowed admitted, or suffered. And also shal therfore forsaite and lese to the kynges highenes, his heires and successours, all his or their honours, manours, castelles, landes tenementes, rentes, reuercions, seruices, possessions, and all other his or their hereditamentes goodes and catasl, fermes and feeholdes, what so euer they be, whiche any such offender or offenders shal haue at the tyme of any suche offence or offences, committed or done, or at any tyme after, as in cases of high treason.

¶ And furthermoze be it enacted by the auctoritee of this presente parliament, that if any person or persons, after the saide, xii. day of July, preache in any sermon or collacion, openly made to the kynges people: or teache in any common schole, or to other congregacion of people, or beyng called before suche iudges, and accor dyng to suche fourme of the lawe, as hereafter shalbe declared, dooe obstinately asserme, vpholde, maynteyne, or defende: that the communion of the saide blessed Sacrament in bothe kyngdes, that is to saie, in fourme of bzed and also of wyne, is necessary for the helthe of mans soule, to be geuen or ministred, or ought or shulde be geuen or ministred to any person in bothe kyngdes. Or that it is necessary so to be receyued or taken by any person (other than by priestes beyng at Masse, and consecratyng the same) Or that any man, after the order of priesthode receiued (as afoze saide) may mary, or may contracte matrimonie. Or that any man or woman, whiche aduisedly hath vowed, or professed, or shal vowe or professe chastitie or wydowhed, maie mary, or maie contracte matrimony. Or that priuate Masses be not lawfull, or not laudable, or shuld not be celebrated had no: bled in this realme, no: be not agreable to the lawes of God. Or that auricular confession is not expediente and necessarie to be retepned and continued, vfed & frequented in the churche of God. Or if any priest, after the saide, xii. day of July, or any other man or woman, whiche aduisedly hath vowed, or after the saide date aduisedly dooe vowe chastitee or widowhed, do actually mary or contracte matrimony with any person, that then all and every person and persons, so preaching, teaching, obstinately assermyng, vpholdyng, maynteynyng, or defendyng, or maynteynyng

kyngs mariage or contract of matrimony, as is aboue specified, be and shalbe, by auctoritee aboue wyitten, demed and iudged a felon and felons. And that every offender in the same, beinge therfore duly convicted or atteinted by the lawes vnder wyitten, shall therfore suffre peines of death, as in cases of felony, without any benefite of clergy, or privilege of churche or sanctuary, to him or her to be allowed in that behalfe. And shall forsaite all his or her landes and goodes, as in cases of felony. And that it shall be lawfull to the patrone or patrones of any maner of benefice, which any suche offendour at the tyme of his saide conviction or atteinted had, to present one other to incumbent thervnto, as if the same person, so convicted or atteinted, had ben bodily deceased.

Also be it enacted, by the auctoritee afoze saide, that if any person or persones, after the said. xii. daie of July, by woorde, wytyng, pryncing, cyphringe, or otherwise than is aboue reherfed, publishe declare or holde opinion, that the saide communion of the blessed Sacrament, in both kyndes afozesaide, is necessary for the helth of mans soule to be geuen or ministered in both kyndes, and so ought or shoulde be geuen and ministered to any person, or ought or shoulde be so in bothe kyndes receiued or taken by any person, other than by priestes beinge at Masse, and consecratyng the same, as is afozesaide. Or that any man, after the order of priesthode receiued, as is afozesaide, male marie, or male make contracte of matrimony. Or that any man or woman, which aduisedly hath made or shall make a vowe to God of chastitee or wydowhed, male marie, or male make contract of matrimony. Or that private Masses, be not lawfull or not laudable, or shoulde not be celebrated had or vsed, nor be agreable to the lawes of God. Or that articular confession is not expediente and necessary to be retained and continued, vsed and frequented in the churche of God: every person, beinge for any suche offence dewely convicted or atteinted by the lawes vnder wyitten, shall forsaite and lose to the kyng our soueraigne lord, all his goodes and cattalles for euer, and also the profites of all his landes tenementes annuitees fees and offices during his lyfe, and all his benefices & spirituall promotions shall be utterly void: And also shall suffre imprisonment of his body at the will and pleasure of our saide soueraigne lord the kyng. And if any suche person or persons, being ones convicted of any the offences mentioned in this article, as is aboue saide, do afterwarde ettsiones offende in any of the same, and be therof accused indited or presented and convict again by auctoritee of the lawes vnder wyitten: that then every suche person and persons, so beinge twyse convicted and atteinted of the saide offences, or of any of them, shall be adiudged a felon and felons, and shall suffre iudgement execution and peines of death, losse and forsaiture of landes and goodes, as in cases of felony, without any privilege of clergy or sanctuary to be in any wise permitted admitted or allowed in that behalfe.

Be it further enacted, by the auctoritee aboue saide, that if any person,

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which is or hath bene a priest before this present parliament, or buryng the time of session of the same hath married, and hath made any contract of matrimony with any woman, or that any man or woman, whiche before the makinge of this acte, aduisedly hath bowed chastitee or widowhede, before this present parliament, or buryng the session of the same, hath married or contracte matrimony with any person: that than every suche marriage and contracte of matrimony shalbe vterly voyde and of none effecte: And that the ordinaries, within whose diocesse or iurisdiction the person or persons so married or contracted, is or be residente or abydinge, shall from tyme to tyme make separacion and deuozces of the saide marriages and contractes.

And further it is enacted by the auctoritee abovesaide, that if any man, whiche is or hath bene priest, as is aforesaide, at any tyme from or after the saide. xii. date of July next comyng, dooe carnally kepe or vse any woman, to whom he is or hath bene married, or with whom he hath contracted matrimony, or openly be conuersant, kepe company and familiaritie with any suche woman, to the euill example of other persons: every suche carnal vse copulation open conuersion keping of company and familiaritee, be and shalbe demed and adiudged felony, as wel against the man as the woman, and that every suche person so offendyng, shalbe enquired of, tried, punished suffre lose and forfait al and every thing and things as other felons made and declared by this act, and as in case of felony as is aforesaide.

Be it also further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaide (not geuyng advantage or detriment to any article afoze reherfed) that if any man, which is or hath bene priest, or hereafter shalbe, at any tyme after the said. xii. day of July, do carnally vse and accustome any woman, or kepe hit as his concubine, as by payenge for hit bourde, mainteyning hit with money array or any other gyftes or meanes, to the euill example of other persons: that than every such offender beyng therof duly convicted or attaynted by the lawes mencioned in this acte, shal forfait and lose al his goodes and chattelles, benefices, prebendes, and other spiritual promotions and dignities, and also shall haue and suffre imprisonment of his body at the kynges wil and pleasure. And that every of the said benefices prebendes and other promotions and dignities shalbe to all intentes and purposes vterly voyde, as if the said offendour had resigned or permuted. And if any such offender or offenders at any tyme after the saide conviction or attaynter, effones committe do or perpetrate the saide offences, or any of them, next afoze reherfed, and be therof dewely convicted or attainted by the lawes aforesaid, that than all and every suche offence and offences shal be demed and adiudged felony: and the offender or offenders therein shall suffre paynes of death, and lose and forfait al his and theyr goodes, landes, and tenementes, as in cases of felony, without haupnge any benefyte of clergie or sanctuary.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that those women, with

with whom all and singular of the foresaide priestes shall in any of the foresaide waies haue to do with, or carnally knowe, as is aforesaide, shall haue lyke punishment as the priestes.

¶ And be it further enacted, by the auctoritee abovesaide, that if any person or persones, at any tyme hereafter, contempne or contemptuously, refuse deny or absteine to be confessed at any tyme commonly accustomed with in this realme and church of Englande, or contempne, or contemptuously refuse deny or absteine to receiue the holy and blessed sacrament abovesaid, at the tyme commonly used and accustomed for the same: that than every such offender, beinge therof duly convicted or attainted by the lawes under written, shall suffer such imprisonment, and make such tyme and tyme some to the kyng our soueraine lord and his heires, as by his highnes, or by his or their counsell shalbe ordered and adiudged in that behalfe. And if any such offendour or offendours, at any tyme or tymes after the saide conviction or attinder so had, do esteemes contempne, or contemptuously refuse deny or absteine to be confessed, or to be communicate in maner and forme aboue written, and be therof duly convicted or attainted by the lawes under written: that than every such offence shall be deemed and adiudged felony, and the offendour or offendours therein shall suffer penies of dethe, and lose and forfeit all his and their goodes landes and tenementes as in cases of felony.

¶ And for full and effectuell execution of the premisses befoze demised, or demised and enacted by this acte. Be it furthermore enacted by the auctoritee of this present parliament, that immediately after the saide .xii. date of July next comming, sundry commissions shall be made, from tyme to tyme, in to every shyre of this realme, and wailes, and in and to such other places within the kynges dominions, as shall please his maiestee, to be directed to the archebysshop or byshop of the diocesse, and to his chauncellour or commissary, and to such other persons, as shalbe named by his highnes, or by such other as his maiestee at his pleasure shall appoint to name the same: which archebysshop or byshop, his chauncellour or commissary, and other persons so to be named, or thye of them at the least, wherof the archebysshop or byshop, or his chauncellour or commissary to be one, shall holde and kepe their sessions within the limites of their commission foure severall tymes of the yere at the least, or oftener, if they shall thinke it expediente by their discretions, and shall haue power and auctoritee, by vertue of this act, and their saide commission, as well to take informacion and accusacion by the othes and depositions of two able and lafull persons at the least, as to enquer by the othes of .xii. men, of all and singular the heresies, felonies contemptes, and other offences aboue written, committed done or perpetrate within the limites of their commission. And that every such accusacion, & informacion concerning the matter names surnames & dwelling places of the offenders, & the daie yere place and county whan and wherin their offences were comitted, shalbe of as good force & effecte in the lawe, as if the matter

therin contained had bene presented by verditte of. xii. men.

¶ And neuerthelesse it is further enacted, that euery of the saide archbishops and bishops, and euery of their chancellours commissaries archdeacons and other ordinaries, hauing any peculiar ecclesiasticall iurisdiction within this realme or in wales, or in any other the kynges dominions, shall haue full power and auctoritee, by vertue of this acte, aswel to enquire in their visitacions and senis as there & els where within their iuridictions, at any other tyme or place, to take accusacions and informacions, as is aforesaide, of the heresies felonies contemptes and offences aboue mencioned, done committed or perpetrate within the lymittes of their iurisdiction & auctoritees. And that euery suche accusacions informacion and presentment, so taken or had as is aforesaide, shall bee of no good force and effecte, as if the matter therein contained, had bene presented before the iustices of peace in their sessions. And also that iustices of peace in their sessions, and euery stwarde vndersteward and depuie of stward, of any lete or lawdate, in their lete or lawdaies shall haue lyke power and auctoritee by vertu of this act, to enquire by the othes of. xii. lawfull men, of all and singular the heresies felonies contemptes and other offences aboue wrytten done perpetrate or committed within the lymittes of their commissions and auctoritees.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaide, that euery such persone or persones afore whom any presentement informacion or accusation shall be made & taken, as is aforesaide, shall examine the accusours, what other witnes were by and presente at the tyme of doinge and committinge of the offence, wherof the informacion accusation or presentement shall be made: and howe many other than the accusours haue knowlage therof. And shall haue power and auctoritee to bynde by recognisaunce: to be taken afore them, as well the said accusours, as all suche other persons, whom the same accusours shall declare to haue knowlage of the offences by them presented or infourmed, euery of them in. v. li. to the kyng our soueraigne lord, to appeare before the commissioners, afore whom the offendour or offendours shall be tried, at the daie of the triall of suche offendours. And that all and singular inditeementes presentementes accusacions informacions and recognisaunces, taken and had as is aforesaide, within. x. daies next after the taking of the same, shall be certified in dew forme by wrytyng vpon parchment, by the taker or takers thereof, vnder his or their seales vnto any one of the saide commissioners to be appointed as is aforesaide within the lymittes of whose commission, the heresies felonies contemptes and offences, wherof any suche presentement inditeement informacion or accusation shall be taken or had, as is aboue wrytten, shall be committed done and perpetrat. And if any person or persons, which hereafter shall happen to take any suche accusacion informacion presentement or recognisaunces as is abouesaide, do make defaulte of the certificat therof contrary to the fourme aboue reherced: that than euery person and persons

sons so offendinge, shall forfait to our soueraigne lord the kynge for every such default. . . .

And it is further enacted by the auctoritee abovesaide, that the saide commissioners, or thre of them at the leaste, as is abovesaide, by vertue of this act and their commission, shall haue full power and auctoritee, to make lyke processe againste every person or persones, indited presented or accused, in foine as is aboue remembred, as is used & accustomed in cases of felony, & that as well within the lymittes of their commission, as in to all other shires and places of the realme wales and other the kynges dominions, as well within lyberties as without: and the same processe to be good and effectfull in the lawe as in cases of felony: And vpon the apparance of any of the offendours, shall haue full power and auctoritee, by vertue of this acte, and the saide commission, to here and determine the foresaide heresies felonies contempnes or other offences, accoꝛdinge to the lawes of this realme, and the effectes of this acte.

And it is also enacted, by the auctoritee abovesaide that every of the saide commissioners, vpon any suche accusation presentment or information, shall endeavour him selfe effectually, without affection dyed or corrupcion to appꝛehende & take the offendours: & after the appꝛehension of any suche offender or offenders, shall haue full power and auctoritee to commit them to ward. And that the saide commissioners, or two of them at the least shall haue full power and auctoritee, to let any person or persons so accused or presented, vpon sufficiente sureties by their discrecions, to baile, for their apparaunce to be tried accoꝛdinge to the tenour fourme and effect of this acte.

And further it is enacted by the auctoritee aboue saide, that if any person or persones, whiche hereafter shall be named and assigned, to be commissioner or commissioners, as is aboue saide, be accused, indited, or presented of or for any the offences aboue wyttten, that than all and every suche commissioner or commissioners, so accused indited and presented, shall be examined, put to answer, and tried of and vpon any suche offence, accoꝛding to the tenour and effecte of this acte, before such other person or persons, as it shall please the kynges highnes to name assigne and appoint by his graces commission, to here and determine the same.

And it is further enacted, by the auctoritee abovesaide, that no persone nor persons, which at any tyme hereafter, shall be accused indited or presented, as is abovesaide, shall be admitted to the chalenge of any person or persones, which shall be impanelled for the triall of his or their offence for any matter or cause, other than for malice or enmitie, which chalége shall forthwith be tried in lyke maner as other chaléges be used to be tried in cases of felony.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritee aboue saide, that all foine plects, triable by the countrey, whiche at any tyme hereafter shall be pleaded by any person or persons hereafter to be attained or put to answer vpon
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any accusation indictment of or presentment, or for any of the offences above specified, or of or for any of them: shall be tried before the same commissioners, afore whom such person or persons shall be arraigned or put to answer, and by the jurors that shall trye the saide offence or offences, without any further respect or delay.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritee abovesaid, that all mayors sheriffes stewards bailiffes of liberties, gaolers, and other officers and ministers, of what name degree or condicion so ever they be, and every of them shall from time to time truly and diligently receive and serve al maner the proces preceptes and commandementes to them or any of them by the saide commissioners or any of them to be made geven or dyrected, touching or concerning the premisses, or any parcell thereof, and shall also from tyme to tyme be obedient and attendaunte unto the saide commissioners for the time beinge, for the due execution of this present acte, or of any thing therein contained.

And it is also enacted, that every persone, whiche shall be named to be commissioner in the said commission, after that he hath knowlage thereof, shall effectually put his diligence and attendance in and about the execution of the saide commission: And before that he shall take vpon him the execution of the same commission, shall take a corporall othe before the lord Chauncellour of Englande for the tyme beinge, or before hym or them, to whom, the saide lord Chauncellour shall directe the kynges writ of Dedimus potestatem, to take the same. The tenour of which oth hereafter ensleth.

I Ye shall swere, that ye to your cunnyng witte and power shall truly and indifferently execute the auctoritee to you geven by the kynges commission, made for correction of heretikes and other offenders, mencioned in the same commission, without any favour affection corruption bred or malice to be borne to any person or persons, as God you helpe, and al saintes.

And in case that any of the saide persones named to be commissioners refuse to take the saide othe, or willingly absent or aloigne him selfe from the takinge of the saide othe: than every suche persone so offendinge, and the same offence extreted or certified into the kynges eschequer by the saide lord chauncellour, or by him or them, to whom any suche writte of Dedimus potestatem, as is aforesaid, shall be directed, shall forfait and lose to our saide soueraigne lord the kyng, for every tyme so offendinge, fyve markes of lawfull money.

And it is also enacted by the auctoritee abovesaid, that the said commissioners and every of them shall from tyme to tyme have full power and auctoritee, by vertue of this acte, to take in to his or their keepynge and possession, all and all maner of booke, whiche bene and hath bene or hereafter shall be set forth and declared within this realme, or other the kynges dominions, wherein is or bene contained or comprised any clause article matter or sentence, repugnant or contrary to the tenour forme or effecte of this present

present acte, or any of the articles contained in the same: and thesaide commissioners, or thre of them at the least, to bourn or otherwile destroy the saide booke or any parte of them, as vnto the said commissioners, or vnto thre of them at the least, shalbe thought expedient by their discrecions.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctoritee abovesaid, that euery person vicar curate or parish priest of euery parische church within this realme, or other the kynges dominions or his or their deputy, vpon the sonday next after the first day of September next ensuyng, and so from thensforth ones in euery quarter of the yere at the least, shall openly playnly and distinctly rede this present acte in the parische church, where he is person vicar curate parische priest or deputy, vnto his or their parishens than assembled to gether, to here diuine seruice. And that euery suche person vicar curate or parische priest, makynge defaulte of reding this acte, contrary to the fourme abovesaid, shall forfait vnto our saide soueraigne lord, his heires or successours, for euery suche defaulte, xl. s. sterlyng. Sauynge to all and syn-gular person and persons, bodies polityke and corporate, their heyres and successours, and to the heires and successours of euery of them, (other then all and syn-gular suche person and persons, that shalbe hereafter conuicted or atteinted of or for any of the offences or contēptes aboue specified, their heires and successours, and the heires and successours of euery of them) all such ryght tytle clayme interest entre possession rentes reuerfions fees annuities commons offices profits and demaundes what so euer, as they or any of them haue, or than at the tyme of the saide conuiction or atteintment had shall haue of in or to any honours castels lordships manours landes tenementes liberties franchises aduoufons & other hereditamentes, which any suche person or persons, beyng so conuicted or atteinted, as abovesayde, had or were intitled to haue at the tyme of their offence or offences committed, or at any tyme after: and that in as ample maner fourme and condicion, to all intentes constructions and purposes, as if this act hadde neuer be had nor made, any thyng contained in this acte to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

¶ Prouided alwate, that the lordes shall not haue ne clayme any escheates of any offendour or offendours, that shalbe iudged to be burned by auctoritee of this acte.

¶ And because dispursions and doubtes mighte perhappes rise hereafter vpon these wordes in this act, that is to saie, Advisedly made to God, Be it therfore prouided and enacted, by auctoritee abovesaid, that these wordes in the acte, that is to saie, Advisedly made to God, for bowes of chastitee or wydowhed, shalbe al onely taken expounded & interpreted, to bynde suche person or persons, and none other (sauynge priestes) to & by the same, which at the tyme of any of their so bowynge (beyng thereto admitted) were or shalbe of the age of, xxi. yeres or aboue, and then dyd or do consent submit them selfe or condescende to the same, and continewe or continued in ob-
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seruacion of it any whyle after: Oneles any suche person or persons do or
can duely proue any vnlawfull coercion or compulsion done to them or a-
ny of them for makynge of any suche booke.

God save the kynge.

**Londini in ædibus Thomæ Berthe-
leti typis impress.**

**Cum priuilegio ad imprimen-
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